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The  
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County

A Know Your Area Study  
by the  
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The mid-county area of Contra Costa County is growing rapidly. This area has never been well defined in terms of either city or special district boundaries. Many of its assets and many of its problems have been found to be directly related to the entire San Francisco Bay area. The recent growth of regional agencies reflects an awareness of this fact. So, too, do the issues of consolidation of districts, incorporation of cities, and the many struggles over land use reflect a need for better planning and the best use of available resources. With a future of continuing change in view, this book is dedicated to the residents of the area.

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## COUNTY HISTORY AND CURRENT STATISTICS

Indians living near Wildcat Creek saw the first European explorers of inland Contra Costa in 1772. Pedro Fages, who was seeking a land route around San Francisco Bay to Pt. Reyes, camped near Martinez and Antioch. These Spanish explorers were the first non-Indians to see the Delta and the distant Sierra Nevada range. On their return to Monterey the party spent a night in the San Ramon Valley where they noted many more Indian villages.

Don Francisco Maria Castro was the first non-Indian to be a permanent resident in the area of present day Contra Costa. Retiring from Spanish service with a land grant, he moved with his family to Rancho San Pablo in 1826. Don Ignacio Martinez moved to Rancho El Pinole in 1836. Portions of the south county area called Rancho San Ramon were granted in 1833, to Bartolome Pacheco and Mariano Castro, and in 1834, to Jose Maria Amador. That same year the area north of Mt. Diablo along the waterfront and called Rancho Los Medanos was granted to Jose Noriega, who sold it three years later to Dr. John Marsh. Marsh was the first Yankee to settle in Contra Costa. He hosted the John Bidwell party in 1841, when it concluded the first overland trip from the United States.

Earlier, in 1834, Don Salvio Pacheco was granted the Rancho Monte del Diablo, covering the Concord area, and Juana Sanchez de Pacheco received the Rancho Arroyo de las Nueces y Bolbones (also known as San Miguel) covering Walnut Creek. Cousins Joaquin Moraga and Juan Bernal, third generation Californios, received the grant in 1835, for Rancho Laguna de los Palos Colorados. The lake was on the site of present day Campolindo High School. Rancho El Sobrante de San Ramon, southwest of Walnut Creek, was given to the Romero brothers in 1846. Rancho Acalanes, west of Lafayette, was granted to Candelario Valencia in 1834. Soon many of these lands passed into American hands through both honest and unscrupulous means.

Contra Costa was one of the original 27 counties established by the Legislature on February 18, 1850. In 1853, the southern portion was detached so as to be included in Alameda County, leaving an area of 734 square miles with some 70 miles of shoreline on bays and on the San Joaquin River. Martinez, founded in 1849, was and is the county seat.

For half a century the county was primarily agricultural, specializing in grain production and in the raising of fruit and nuts. Port Costa was at one time the largest port in the world used for exporting grain. Grain was sent down the San Joaquin and Sacramento Rivers and was loaded onto ocean-going vessels at Port Costa. Martinez and Pittsburg had some importance as fishing villages, and

after 1855, there was mining of soft coal in Nortonville and Somersville, near Pittsburg.

Industrial development was attracted by the central location of the county, by the availability of water transport on bay and river, and by the coming of the railroad in 1876. Since then the development of bridges and highways has added to the transportation network. Pittsburg has been an industrial town since the turn of the century, and there has been increasing industrial development, especially in the towns along the water. Steel, chemicals, paper, oil refining, and canning all contribute to making Contra Costa the fifth ranking county in the state in manufacturing payrolls. Light industry and parts production have developed in the inland areas.

The completion of the Caldecott Tunnel in 1937, and the end of World War II stimulated the residential development of central Contra Costa County. Population has grown from 78,608 in 1930, to 298,984 in 1950, and the official 1960 census showed 409,030. The California State Department of Finance has estimated a Contra Costa County population at 550,800 as of July 1, 1968, of which approximately 300,000 were in the central county area. Suburban areas have gradually incorporated, so that about three-fifths of the population of the county live in incorporated cities. The rest of the population is in unincorporated areas and is therefore more directly dependent on the county government and special districts.

Contra Costa County consists of three main areas: the area on the bay, including Richmond, Pinole, El Cerrito, San Pablo, Hercules, El Sobrante, and Kensington; the central area, including the cities of Clayton, Concord, Lafayette, Martinez, Pleasant Hill, and Walnut Creek and the unincorporated towns of Alamo, Cowell, Danville, Diablo, Moraga, Pacheco, Orinda, Rheem, and San Ramon; and the eastern area, including Antioch, Brentwood and Pittsburg.

Before World War II, county government provided traditional basic services: property records, vital statistics, elections, courts and protection, care of the needy ill, property assessment, and tax collection. With the post-war population explosion, it has become necessary to provide building inspection, civil defense, pollution control, traffic engineering, mental health services, veterans' counseling, child welfare services, medical care for welfare recipients, care of premature infants, management of the county airport, long-range planning for growth and development, and most recently, the Office of Economic Opportunity.





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## COUNTY GOVERNMENTAL STRUCTURE, AGENCIES, DEPARTMENTS

Contra Costa is a general law county, as are four-fifths of the counties in California. General law counties are those which do not have a charter and which operate under the organization and structure established by the State Legislature. The Legislature sets the salaries of the Board of Supervisors, Auditor, District Attorney, Superintendent of Schools, grand jurors, trial jurors, and the judges of the Superior and municipal courts. All other salaries are determined by the County Board of Supervisors.

The county is divided into five supervisorial districts, which were realigned as of January 1, 1965, to more nearly equalize population. All districts run on a north-south axis, each with waterways, industry, urban and suburban areas, etc., although the principal agricultural area lies in the 5th district to the east. This booklet is primarily concerned with Districts 3 and 4.

County services include public welfare, probation, medical care for the needy, public health and sanitation, and the Superior, municipal, and justice court system. For those in unincorporated areas the county services also include planning, road construction and maintenance, building inspection, and police service.

Most county offices, except for Agriculture, are reached through the central switchboard in Martinez at 228-3000 and are in the Main Administration Building. For details and addresses of specific departments, see the "Directory" section; also check the telephone book under "Contra Costa County".

### AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION SERVICE

The Farm Advisor Program of the Agricultural Extension Service of the University of California is financed by State and Federal funds, with office space and clerical assistance provided by the county. It provides educational and advisory services in farm and home management, including suburban gardens, through the Farm Bureau, Home Department, and 4-H Clubs.

### ASSESSOR

The Assessor is elected for a four-year term. He appraises residential, commercial, industrial, and agricultural property for tax purposes. He submits the annual assessment roll to the Board of Supervisors at the beginning of the fiscal year. Taxpayers may protest their valuations in July when the Board of Supervisors sits as the County Board of Equalization. Properties in the county owned by private utilities are assessed by the State Board of Equalization.



## AUDITOR-CONTROLLER

The Auditor-Controller is elected for a four-year term and must be either a certified or a licensed public accountant. He is the chief fiscal officer of the county and of special districts. He is responsible for auditing and accounting, for the legality of payment orders on the county treasury, for data processing, and for centralized purchasing.

## BOARD OF ELECTIONS

The Board of Supervisors, ex officio, fulfills election duties as set by state law.

## BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

The County Board of Supervisors serves, ex officio, as the County Board of Equalization, beginning on a legally prescribed date (presently the third Monday in July) to hear protests of taxpayers on property valuations established by the County Assessor.

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

The five members of the Board are elected for four-year terms, which are staggered. Each supervisor must reside in the district which he represents. Vacancies arising during the term are filled by appointment by the Governor of California. The duties of the Board are prescribed by the State Legislature; consisting of legislative, administrative, and quasi-judicial. Legislative action includes ordinances, resolutions, and orders. Administrative activity is carried on through the appointment of a County Administrator who is responsible to the Board. The judicial or appellate function includes hearing and deciding appeals from rulings of the Planning Commission, Assessor, etc.

The Board meets every Tuesday at 9 a.m. in Room 107 of the County Administration Building in Martinez. Additional meetings are held as necessary.

## BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT

Three members of the Planning Commission are appointed by its chairman to sit on the Board of Zoning Adjustment. They advise on land use and act on requests for land use permits.

## BUILDING INSPECTION DEPARTMENT

The Building Inspector is appointed by the Board of Supervisors. He enforces all ordinances regulating construction and occupancy of buildings in the unincorporated areas of the county.

## BUILDING MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

This department is under the Board of Supervisors and is responsible for all repair and maintenance of county buildings and grounds. It also operates the central telephone exchange.

## CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

The Civil Service Commission consists of five members appointed by the Board of Supervisors. Their duties are to administer the county merit system (hiring as a result of competitive examination, firing only with due cause), to advise the Board of Supervisors on compensation of employees, and to hear and decide employee appeals.

## CIVIL SERVICE DEPARTMENT

The Civil Service Department is headed by the Personnel Director. The department classifies jobs in the merit system for all county departments and some special districts. It also recruits and examines applicants and administers the compensation program and personnel services.

## CLERK-RECORDER

The Clerk-Recorder is elected for a four-year term. He serves as clerk to the Board of Supervisors and to the Superior Court. He is the registrar of voters and conducts elections. His office also issues licenses, records vital statistics, and records documents of title to real estate.

## CONSTABLE

A constable is elected to serve each justice court. He acts as bailiff of the court and provides some police service.

## CONTRA COSTA COUNTY WATER AGENCY

The Board of Supervisors sits as directors of the Water Agency. Their duties are to protect and develop county water resources, particularly in the



Delta area, where there have been serious threats to the welfare and development of the county from various State and Federal plans for water diversion, waste disposal, etc.

#### COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

The County Administrator is appointed by the Board of Supervisors and is responsible to them. His duties are to advise the Board, to oversee and coordinate County departments and agencies, and to plan for budget and personnel.

#### COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

The County Board of Education has seven members, who are elected by district for four-year staggered terms. They review the budget of the County Superintendent, authorize curriculum projects, adopt courses of study and instructional materials, etc. They also hear appeals on inter-district transfers of students and expulsions and supervise State and Federally supported improvement programs.

#### COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

The County Health Department is administered by the County Health Officer, who is appointed by the Board of Supervisors. He is responsible for environmental sanitation services which include inspection of food, milk, water, sewage, etc., for communicable disease control, and also for public health nursing, for records of disease, birth and death, for immunization clinics, tuberculosis detection, child health and pregnancy clinics, and for health education including health and dental programs in schools.

#### COUNTY HOSPITAL

The County Medical Director, who supervises the operation of the County Hospital and related clinics, is appointed by the Board of Supervisors. The hospital provides outpatient and medical services to the medically indigent. It also provides some emergency service and services not available elsewhere in the county; namely care of premature infants, care of acute communicable diseases, care of mental illness and rehabilitation.

#### COUNTY LIBRARY

The County Librarian, who must be certificated by the State Board of Library Examiners, is appointed by the Board of Supervisors. The Contra Costa

County Librarian also serves, by agreement, as provided under state law, as the County Librarian of Alameda County. The County Library is financed by the County Library Tax, providing public library services, including books and personnel, in the unincorporated areas of the county and in all cities except Richmond. Library housing is the responsibility of the individual communities and has been financed by county service areas. The Contra Costa Library is part of the East Bay Cooperative Library System (see Regional Agencies, page 14).

### COUNTY MEDICAL SERVICES

The Medical Director of the County Medical Services is appointed by the Board of Supervisors. The Medical Services provides complete general medical services in three outpatient clinics (Richmond, Pittsburg and Martinez) and in the 350-bed hospital in Martinez. Private patients are admitted for emergency, premature birth, infectious disease, mental illness and rehabilitative services.

### DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

The County Agricultural Commissioner is appointed by the Board of Supervisors and is also the Sealer of Weights and Measures. He and all other employees must be certified by the state Department of Agriculture. As Sealer of Weights and Measures he checks the accuracy of all weights and measures used in commerce. Agricultural services, most of which are required by state law, cover plant quarantine, inspection for standards of products, seed inspection, apiary inspection, nursery inspection, control of weeds and of animals, and crops statistics. Animal control centers (790 San Pablo Avenue, Pinole, 235-7666; 4849 Imhoff Road, Martinez, 228-3000) include care of lost dogs, low-cost rabies clinics, and investigation of other animal pests.

### DIRECTOR OF PLANNING

The Director of Planning heads the County Planning Department, which is charged with the technical preparation of master land use plans. In performing the functions of Zoning Administrator, the Director of Planning decides all requests for zoning variances. Note: All school districts must submit plans for school sites to the Planning Commission. Unlike other individuals, groups, and districts, they do have the right to override an unfavorable decision made by the County Planning Commission.



## DISTRICT ATTORNEY - PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR

The District Attorney is elected for four years. He is the Public Prosecutor and also provides legal counsel to county departments, school districts, and special districts.

The Office of District Attorney also provides the services of Public Administrator. The Public Administrator is appointed by the Superior Court to take charge of all property in the county of persons who die without a will or without heirs or with heirs residing outside California. As public guardian he is appointed by the Superior Court to be guardian for mentally incompetent persons.

## ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY COUNCIL

The Economic Opportunity Council of the County includes 45 members: 22 elected low-income representatives from 8 councils in poverty target areas, 15 from public agencies, and 8 from community organizations, 5 of which are named by the Board of Supervisors and 3 of which are named by the Economic Opportunity Council. A chairman and vice-chairman are elected for one-year terms, and there are several standing committees. Representation on each of the area councils may not exceed 45 members and representation must be similar to that of the central council. The area councils plan and evaluate programs proposed for their local area. Proposed community action projects are approved by the central council and then acted on by the Board of Supervisors before submission to the Federal Office of Economic Opportunity for possible funding. Administrative services for the Community Action Program are provided by the County Office of Economic Opportunity.

## GRAND JURY

State law requires that at least one Grand Jury be empaneled each year. Superior Court judges submit a list of 30 names from which the County Clerk draws 19. The presiding judge of the Superior Court appoints one member to be foreman, and the District Attorney acts as legal adviser. Their investigative duties extend to public persons, public officers charged with misconduct, persons held on criminal charges and not yet indicted (a vote of 12 out of 19 will indict), records of all county offices, salary needs of County Supervisors, District Attorney, and Auditor, and the need for improvement in all offices. Their report is filed with the Presiding Judge at the end of the term and is filed as a public record with the County Clerk.

## HOUSING AUTHORITY

The five members of the Housing Authority are appointed by the Board of Supervisors. They operate low-cost housing under the Federal and State laws. Payments in lieu of taxes are made to the county and are divided among districts by services rendered.

## JUSTICE COURTS

There are six justice courts in this county: El Cerrito-Kensington, Pinole-Hercules-Rodeo, Crockett-Port Costa, Pittsburg-Antioch, Delta, and River. Justices are elected for six-year terms, and vacancies are filled by the Board of Supervisors. The court hears small claims cases, civil cases up to \$1,000, holds preliminary hearings on felonies, and hears misdemeanors and traffic violations as in the municipal court. A decision of the justice court may be appealed to a judge of the Superior Court.

## JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION

The Commission consists of eleven laymen appointed by the Judge of the Juvenile Court. They review the administration of juvenile court law and inspect juvenile facilities operated by the county. They also cooperate with civic groups in programs of delinquency prevention.

## LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

The Local Agency Formation Commission is composed of two supervisors, two city councilmen, and one public representative. They review and act upon formation of all cities and special districts and all annexations to existing cities and districts.

## MARSHALS

A marshal is appointed to serve each municipal court as bailiff and process server.

## MUNICIPAL COURTS

Municipal courts serve districts with more than 40,000 population, which in this county are Mt. Diablo, Richmond, San Pablo, and Walnut Creek. The judge is elected for a six-year term, and the Governor fills any vacancies. The court hears small claims and civil cases involving less than \$5,000. The

court alone (without jury) holds preliminary felony hearings. It handles misdemeanors and traffic violations, where a jury trial may be requested. Divisions of the municipal court may be appealed to the Appellate Division of the Superior Court, consisting of three judges.

#### PAROLE BOARD

The Parole Board consists of the Sheriff, Probation Officer, and a citizen member appointed by the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court. The Board has the power to parole county prisoners and to give credit for good behavior.

#### PLANNING COMMISSION

The Planning Commission has nine members, seven appointed by the Board of Supervisors, with the District Attorney and the Director of Public Works sitting ex officio. The Commission bears responsibility for long-range planning, zoning, and the setting and enforcing of subdivision standards. Their decisions may be appealed to the Board of Supervisors. The Planning Commission also hears appeals from decisions of the Board of Zoning Adjustment and of the Zoning Administrator.

#### PROBATION DEPARTMENT

The County Probation Officer is appointed by the Judge of the Juvenile Court. The adult division of the department provides probation services (investigation, reports, supervision, counseling) for the Superior, municipal, and justice courts. Into the juvenile division come all cases of juvenile delinquency where formal action is taken. Administration is provided for the Juvenile Hall, Byron Boys Ranch, and the Group Homes. A shelter program is maintained for neglected children.

#### PUBLIC DEFENDER

The Public Defender is appointed by the Board of Supervisors. He provides legal defense to indigent defendants upon request of the defendant or upon the order of the court. Defense is provided for anyone charged with any contempt or offense triable in Superior, municipal, or justice court.

#### PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

The Director of Public Works is appointed by the Board of Supervisors and serves as County Surveyor, Road Commissioner, and Engineer. The department provides the engineering for and maintenance of the county road system. It



also services and maintains county vehicles, administers certain special districts such as lighting and sweeping, provides right-of-way services and coordination of building projects. It also administers the county airport at Buchanan Field.

#### RECREATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION

The Board of Supervisors appoints five lay members, one representing each supervisorial district, to a three-year term on the Recreation and Natural Resources Commission. Their duties are to advise the Board of Supervisors on matters of parks, recreation, and conservation, and to provide liaison between the Board of Supervisors and the Board of the East Bay Regional Park District.

#### RETIREMENT BOARD

The Retirement Board includes seven county officers or employees and two citizen members. They manage the employees' retirement system.

#### SHERIFF-CORONER

The Sheriff is elected for a four-year term. He provides police service to unincorporated areas, and to some municipalities under contract, directs the county jail and rehabilitation center, acts as bailiff for the Superior Court, and as process server for civil actions arising in the Superior Court, and provides the communications network and criminal laboratory for the county.

Until recently the Coroner was elected for a four-year term and had four civil servant assistants. However, upon the death of the last coroner, his responsibilities became the duties of the sheriff's office. Morticians of the county serve as deputy coroners for fees. All violent deaths and deaths for which no attending physician can certify cause are investigated. The sheriff's office will now subpoena witnesses, order autopsies, bind over witnesses to a murder or manslaughter to the Grand Jury or to the Superior Court, and may issue a warrant to arrest a suspect.

#### SOCIAL SERVICE DEPARTMENT

The Director of Social Welfare is appointed by the Board of Supervisors to administer Federal, State, and local programs for the needy. These include general relief, aid to needy blind and disabled, child welfare programs, adoption services, licensing and supervision of foster homes, day care centers for children, maternity homes, and boarding homes for children and the aged.

## SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

The County Superintendent of Schools is elected for a four-year term. He supervises and assists school districts with business and educational matters and develops county courses of study. He also directs the special schools for the mentally retarded, the physically and emotionally handicapped, and the probation connected schools for dependent children and juvenile delinquents. All of these are financed by the County School Service Tax.

## SUPERIOR COURT

The Superior Court presently has nine departments, which are headed by judges who are elected for staggered, six-year terms. Vacancies are filled by appointment of the Governor. Salaries, which are set by State Legislature, are shared by State and County. The judges elect a presiding judge each year. It is his duty to assign the divisions and to appoint the Grand Jury. The designated Juvenile Judge appoints the Probation Officer. The Superior Court administers justice in all civil cases involving more than \$5,000 and all equity, probate, insanity, juvenile, and felony cases. As the highest county court, it is the chief trial court in the California judiciary system. It also hears appeals from the municipal and justice courts. Appeals from the decisions of the Superior Court go to the District Appellate Court and then to the State Supreme Court.

## TREASURER-TAX COLLECTOR

The Treasurer-Tax Collector is elected for four years. He receives and disburses all money for county organization and special districts. He collects property taxes for the county, school districts, special districts, and most cities. He conducts sales of tax-deeded property, collects all county license fees, acts as Deputy State Controller in inheritance tax matters, and administers the county employees' retirement system.

## TRUSTEES, LAW LIBRARY

The Law Library is a specialized library for courts and attorneys and is financed from filing fees in the Superior and Municipal courts.

## VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER

The Veterans Service Officer must be a veteran himself and is appointed by the Board of Supervisors. He assists veterans and their dependents to obtain the benefits due them under Federal and State laws and participates in the administration of these laws.

## REGIONAL AGENCIES

Contra Costa County is served by numerous regional agencies. The list below is only an outline and includes only two State Agencies which administer or make policies affecting the Bay Area. No similar Federal agencies are included.

### SPECIAL DISTRICTS AND AUTHORITIES

(Governmental entities with tax-levying powers)

#### BAY AREA AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT

939 Ellis Street

San Francisco, 94103; Telephone 771-6000

Established by State Legislature to study air contaminants and control air pollution by passing and enforcing regulations. Covers area of six counties; Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, San Francisco, San Mateo and Santa Clara. Financed by property tax; 1967 budget \$1,041,779. Chief Administrator and staff of 73. Board of Directors appointed by supervisors for four-year terms, and by city mayors for two-year terms, not overlapping. Board members receive \$25.00 a meeting, not to exceed \$600.00 a year. Meets first Wednesday of month; open to public.

#### BAY AREA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT

814 Mission Street

San Francisco, 94103; Telephone 986-1818

Includes Alameda, Contra Costa, and San Francisco Counties. Established in 1947 by State Legislature to plan, build, and operate a rapid transit system in the Bay Area. Financed by property tax, general obligation bonds, and the State Toll Bridge Authority; 1967 budget \$20,098,420. General Manager and staff of 200. Board of Directors appointed for four-year overlapping terms by Boards of Supervisors and conference of mayors; receive \$50.00 a meeting with a maximum of \$250 per month. Meets second and fourth Thursdays of the month; open to the public.

#### EAST BAY COOPERATIVE LIBRARY SYSTEM

1750 Oak Park Boulevard

Pleasant Hill, 94523; Telephone 228-3000, ext. 281

Includes Alameda and Contra Costa County Libraries and the city libraries of Alameda and Richmond. Established in 1966. Financed by State and Federal grants. No paid staff. Administered according to State law by an



Executive Committee: County Librarians of Alameda and Contra Costa, City Librarians of Richmond and Alameda. Reciprocal services: Sharing of book and information resources, computerized book catalogs in every library outlet, daily pick-up and delivery, photo duplication, TWX communication linking the system libraries and the California State Library.

#### EAST BAY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT

2130 Adeline Street

Oakland, 94623; Telephone 835-3000

Includes parts of Alameda and Contra Costa Counties for water supply and sewage disposal. Provides some recreational facilities and is planning to expand in this field. Financed by bonds and taxes, water and power revenue; 1967 budget \$44,000,000. General Manager and staff of 1055 (water) and 58 (sewage). Board of Directors elected from wards for four-year terms, receiving \$40.00 a month. Meets second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 1:00 p.m.

#### EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT

11500 Skyline Boulevard

Oakland, 94619; Telephone 531-9300

Includes most of Alameda and Contra Costa Counties. Established in 1934, by electorate to develop and maintain parks of regional significance at level between the State park system and that of local cities. Financed by property tax and some revenue-producing facilities; 1967 budget \$3,291,618. General Manager and staff of 165. Board of Directors elected from wards for four-year, overlapping terms, receiving \$50.00 a meeting. Meets first and third Tuesdays of the month at 2:00 p.m.; open to the public.

#### VALLEY COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

7051 Dublin Boulevard

P.O. Box 2006

Dublin, 94566; Telephone 828-0515

Includes portion of San Ramon Valley, Contra Costa County, and area of Old Rancho San Ramon, Alameda County. Established in 1953; given powers of sixth class city, except mosquito abatement. Financed by property tax; 1967 budget \$607,077. General Manager and staff of 36. Board of Directors elected for four-year terms, compensation less than \$50.00 a month. Meets first and third Tuesdays of the month at 7:00 p.m.

## COMMISSIONS

(State established and responsible to State, but regional in character)

### BAY AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY COMMISSION (BATSC)

P.O. Box 1023, Hotel Claremont  
Berkeley, 94704; Telephone 948-3223

Includes nine Bay Area counties and their cities. Established in 1963, by State Legislature to prepare by 1968, a comprehensive regional transportation plan for the Bay Area and the means of its implementation and construction. The State Legislature extended its deadline for the comprehensive plan to 1969, to coincide with deadlines of BARO and BCDC. Financed by contributions from U. S. Bureau of Public Roads and the Department of Public Works; total budget \$4,725,000. Study Director and staff of 70. Commissioners are appointed for life of study by member agencies, counties, cities, specified districts, the State Legislature, and the Governor. Meets monthly.

### SAN FRANCISCO BAY CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

(BCDC)

Room 320, 507 Polk Street  
San Francisco, 94102; Telephone 557-3686

Includes nine Bay Area counties, also Federal, State, and public representatives. Established in 1965, to go out of existence ninety days after the close of the 1969 Legislative session (and may be extended). Formed to prepare a comprehensive and enforceable plan for the conservation of San Francisco Bay and the development of the Bay shoreline and to control all filling of the Bay and excavation of submerged materials from the Bay while plan is being prepared, thus has authority to grant or deny permits for all fill and excavation projects. Financed by appropriation by State Legislature. Executive Director and staff of 10. The Commissioners, appointed by various sources for the duration of the Commission, receive only travel expenses. Meets first Thursday and third Friday of the month at 2:00 p.m., usually in State Building, San Francisco, but also other places.

## COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

### ASSOCIATION OF BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS (ABAG)

Hotel Claremont  
Berkeley, 94705; Telephone 843-7118

Includes nine counties and 91 cities, of which eight counties and 86 cities have joined. Organized in 1961, under the Joint Exercise of Powers Act

of the State, to explore and develop ways and means to meet area-wide problems by county-city cooperative action in an effort to keep decision-making local; to provide a forum for discussion and study of metropolitan problems of mutual interest and concern; to identify and study regional problems, functions, and services, to review proposals for metropolitan area or regional units or agencies; and to make policy or action recommendations on the foregoing. This is a voluntary agency; not a governmental entity; a member government may withdraw. Financed by assessment of member government, based on population, and from Federal funds for its regional planning function. Executive Director, Regional Planning Director and staff of 13. The 34 Executive Committee members include at least one appointed by each Board of Supervisors, at least one representing the cities from within each county, and at least one additional member whose appointment is to be made alternately by the Board of Supervisors or the cities. The committee may appoint six members at large. Meets third Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m.; open to the public. The General Assembly has regular semi-annual meetings.

#### COOPERATIVE AGENCIES

(Organized by the mutual consent of the participating jurisdictions)

##### BAY COUNTIES WATER PROBLEMS COMMITTEE

c/o Herbert G. Crowle, Secretary  
Director of Public Works of Alameda County  
399 Elmhurst Street  
Hayward, 94544; Telephone 783-5800

Includes the counties of Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, Sacramento, San Benito, San Francisco, San Joaquin, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Solano, Sonoma, and Yolo. Organized in 1954, by concerned counties because of mutual problems, to gain strength through organization and cooperation when presenting matters before State and Federal bodies; to provide forum for discussion. Each county pays \$20.00 yearly dues. Board consists of official representatives appointed by the Board of Supervisors of each county for indefinite terms; officers are elected from within the group. Meets quarterly on the fourth Friday of the month.

##### CENTRAL COAST REGIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SUPERVISORS

c/o Board of Supervisors Office  
Courthouse, Oakland

Includes Alameda, Contra Costa, Monterey, San Benito, San Francisco; San Luis Obispo, San Mateo, Santa Clara, and Santa Cruz Counties. Organized for regional interests, a division of County Supervisors Association of California; has numerous subcommittees. Financed by \$25.00 assessment from each



county. Directors chosen for one-year terms, one from each county. Usually four meetings a year.

#### DELTA COUNTIES CONSULTING BOARD

Includes counties of Contra Costa, Sacramento, San Joaquin, Solano, Stanislaus, and Yolo. Board composed of supervisors from counties; deals with mutual water problems relating to the Delta.

#### EEL RIVER FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION

Suite 103, 2403 Professional Drive  
Santa Rosa, 95401; Telephone 544-5330

Member counties are north of San Francisco Bay and west of Sacramento Valley, but any county in the State may be an associate member -- as is Contra Costa County. Established in 1965, to provide forum for mutual problems, to cooperate in presenting matters concerning flood control and water conservation before local, State, and Federal governing bodies. Financed and governed by member counties.

#### EAST BAY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COUNCIL

Room 315, Alameda City Hall  
P.O. Box 231  
Alameda, 94501; Telephone 522-4100

Membership open to planning commission of any city or county of the East Bay metropolitan area. Organized in 1957, reactivated in 1966, to provide a forum for constructive planning discussion concerning plans and planning needs of the area, both cities and counties, to stimulate cooperation and coordination of various East Bay plans. Financed by dues of not more than \$15.00 a year from each commission. Board of Directors chosen by the participating jurisdictions. Meets three or four times a year.

#### REGIONAL COMMITTEE FOR BETTER SERVICE AT OAKLAND INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

c/o Port of Oakland  
66 Jack London Square  
Oakland, 94607; Telephone 444-3188

Includes Alameda, Contra Costa, Napa, San Joaquin, and Solano Counties. Formed in 1961, to promote airline service at the airport. No financing necessary. Members of Executive Committee appointed for indefinite terms. Meets as required.

## STATE AGENCIES

### SAN FRANCISCO BAY - DELTA WATER QUALITY CONTROL PROGRAM

1416 Ninth Street, Room 855  
Sacramento, 95814; Telephone 441-7765

Includes the San Francisco Bay and Delta areas. This agency was established in 1965, and is financed by the state. Its purpose is to draft plans for agricultural, industrial and municipal waste disposal. A Membership-Steering Committee represents concerned state and regional agencies. The program also maintains a Board of Consultants and a Technical Coordinating Committee.

### SAN FRANCISCO BAY REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD

364 Fourteenth Street  
Oakland, 94612; Telephone 834-3460

Includes the entire county of San Francisco and parts of eight other counties. This agency was established in 1949, and is financed by state general fund appropriations and by Federal grants. Its purpose is to secure coordinated action of government and private agencies on all matters relating to abatement, prevention and control of water pollution. The membership is appointed by the Governor of the state to represent special interests.

## SPECIAL DISTRICTS

A special district is a taxing jurisdiction formed by or for local or area residents to provide a particular service or services within a defined area. Many of these services are not provided by existing governments in those localities or the level of service provided has been found to be inadequate. Some districts are small and provide local services such as street lighting or sweeping in the San Ramon Valley and Orinda. Other districts roughly follow city boundaries and provide parks and recreation as in Pleasant Hill. Some cover quite large areas -- schools and flood control are two examples. Finally, there are the regional districts which cover large portions of the Bay Area.

Apart from size, special districts fall into four general categories: county service areas, special districts administered and governed by the county, independent special districts governed by their own boards, and regional agencies.

County service areas are an extension of county services for those areas where an additional service or services is needed. A special tax is levied for the service and the service area is administered by the county. About 32 such service areas exist within the county, and in this area include street lighting, street sweeping, library construction and other services.

Special districts administered by the county differ from service areas in that a board of commissioners is usually appointed by the Board of Supervisors for each district to administer that district. Included in this group are fire protection, flood control, water conservation and the water agency.





Independent or autonomous special districts are those governed by an appointed or elected board. The functions of these districts include sewage disposal, recreation, fire protection, and hospital facilities.

Regional agencies are usually governed by boards which are selected in a variety of ways, depending on their enabling statutes. They are frequently appointed by elected city and/or county officials within the boundaries of the particular agency. They are covered in a separate section of this book. (Page 14)

There are hundreds of possible combinations of overlapping districts within this county. See the community listings for a guide to your area. You may obtain a specific list of the districts, their tax rates and the total tax bill for your residence by contacting the Office of the County Treasurer—Tax Collector.

## COUNTY SERVICE AREAS

### STREET LIGHTING ("L")

Operated by the County Public Works Department. The lights are installed and maintained by Pacific Gas and Electric Company.

### LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION ("LIB")

The county will furnish personnel, books and supplies through its central library system if communities construct and pay for branch library buildings. The library service areas are the responsibility of the County Library Department.

### STREET SWEEPING ("M")

(Can include other miscellaneous services.)

This is provided and supervised by the County Public Works Department for Orinda, San Ramon Valley, Danville and other unincorporated communities.

## COUNTY SPECIAL DISTRICTS

### Alamo-Lafayette Cemetery

This district was formed in April, 1937, with a three member commission appointed by the Board of Supervisors. The Superintendent is Mr. Harold Bennett, and he is assisted by two men. All three employees are union members

who do all the work including gardening, road building, welding, plumbing, landscaping, deed and transfer work. The two cemeteries which comprise this 49,413 acre district are on Mt. Diablo Boulevard in Lafayette and El Portal in Alamo. The average grave cost is \$125.00. There is room for 5,685 more graves in Lafayette, with nearly 400 reserved grave lots, approximately 85 available sites in Alamo, with nearly 300 lots reserved.

## FIRE PROTECTION

In the larger fire districts the chief and all employees are obtained through the County Civil Service program.

Briones Fire District. This volunteer fire district serves the area from Pinole to Briones and from Upper Happy Valley to Bear Creek Road and Alhambra Road. Chief: Frank Nunes. Equipment: 2 pieces. Employees: 3. The men are paid for stand-by duty in the summer. The district services include general emergencies.

Contra Costa County Consolidated Fire District. Formed in 1964. The five man commission is appointed by the Board of Supervisors or by the City Councils. Serve the cities of Concord, Clayton, Lafayette, Martinez, Pleasant Hills, Walnut Creek, and the surrounding unincorporated areas. Chief: A. V. Streuli. Equipment: 65 pieces. Employees: 254. Services include fire inspection, investigations, safety program, research, consultation, weed abatement, and permits to handle certain chemicals. The district established a Fire College in 1966, to provide facilities and training. The site will include the #10 station, equipment storage, pump testing pit; driver training, rescue and special problems areas; fire building, drill, control and hose towers; and classrooms.

Moraga Fire District. Services 32 square miles around Moraga and Rheem. Chief: Don M. Skinner. Equipment: 9 pieces. Employees: 19. The five man commission is appointed by the Board of Supervisors. Services include fire suppression and prevention, first aid and rescue service. Mutual aid agreements are established.

Orinda Fire District. Chief: Allen P. Winsor. Equipment: 14 pieces. Employees: 31. The five commissioners are appointed by the Board of Supervisors for four-year terms. The commissions control the fixed expenses of the Fire Department, the Supervisors retain major financial control. The district controls open burning, provides a fire marshall in charge of fire prevention to work with the community. The Tilden and Water Project areas maintain their own fire departments but are responsible to the Orinda Fire Department. Other services include an ambulance, emergency water and electrical problems.

## FLOOD CONTROL

This is a county-wide district established in 1952, and now employing over 50 people. It provides flood control planning, design, construction and maintenance of major and secondary creeks. Zones are based on watershed boundaries. All new subdivisions must meet county standards for drainage. The district may establish storm drainage zones upon the request of citizens in particular areas. In certain areas where additional facilities are needed an additional tax may be imposed.

## MOSQUITO ABATEMENT

Operating under a 1915 act of the State Legislature, the Governing Board is composed of a representative of each incorporated city within the district, appointed by the respective city councils, and a representative of the unincorporated areas appointed by the Board of Supervisors. The board meets quarterly, and appoints a District Manager to carry out its programs of insect control and public education. Principal functions of the district include area-wide control of mosquitoes and other insects with potential health hazard; a consulting program to enable private citizens, industry, agriculture, etc., to control insect pests; and a program of public education designed to minimize health hazards.

## ORINDA VEHICLE PARKING

The Board of Supervisors appoints a three man commission for the district which has the power to levy a tax of \$.05 per \$100.00 assessed valuation on property in the business district to provide improved parking facilities in this area. The commission has not met in four years and has never levied a tax. However, the Board of Supervisors has allowed the district to remain in effect indefinitely due to the unresolved problems surrounding the BART construction. It is anticipated that this district will be dissolved.

## SANITATION DISTRICTS NUMBERS 1 AND 2

These provide sanitary sewer facilities, with plants operated by the Public Works Department.

## STORM DRAINAGE

Provides for construction, installation, maintenance and operation of storm drains, watercourses, drainage ditches, etc. Assessments are by zones -- on land benefiting from district activities. Zones are formed and dissolved



with consent of the electorate. An engineer in charge of installation and maintenance is appointed by the Board of Supervisors.

#### STORM DRAIN MAINTENANCE

Provides for cleaning, repairing, renewal, replacement, widening or straightening of existing storm drain structures, watercourses and channels, and to install additional facilities when necessary. The Board of Supervisors appointed an engineer in charge of installation and maintenance.

#### WATER AGENCY

This is a county-wide district to protect the fresh water supply of the county and includes both the water of the Bay and of the Delta. It is administered by the Board of Supervisors.

### INDEPENDENT SPECIAL DISTRICTS

#### COUNTY WATER

Castle Rock. Provides raw water to an area near Mt. Diablo. Governed by an elected five man board.

Contra Costa County. The five man elected board administers the Contra Costa Canal system. The Contra Costa County Water Improvement District No. 1, which is administered by this board, provides water to Concord and other areas. Improvement District No. 2 provides water to an area east of Clayton.

Diablo Vista. Formed in 1950, to provide certain sections of Pleasant Hill with raw water for other than household needs from the Contra Costa Canal. The district is now dissolved and its functions are the legal responsibility of the city of Pleasant Hill.

Pleasant Hill (Gregory Gardens). Originally formed in 1951 as Gregory Gardens Water District. When Pleasant Hill incorporated in 1961, the district dissolved and its functions became the legal responsibility of the city. An advisory committee of Gregory Gardens residents recommends operational policies to the city council. Taxes meet the original cost of the water system; improvements and operating costs are met by income from metered services. No city funds are used. Fluoridated water is provided.

San Ramon Valley, San Miguel Estates, and Walnut County Water. These districts were originally formed to purchase and install a water distribution

system. The water services are now provided by E.B.M.U.D. Each district has its own governing board, but continues to exist only to retire bonds.

## FIRE PROTECTION

Each district is controlled by five elected directors serving four-year terms. They meet not less than once a month to determine financial and personnel policies, decide upon equipment and maintenance and to plan future improvement. All districts are members of the County "Outside Aid Agreement" and render mutual aid to each other as needed in emergency occurrences.

Danville Fire Protection District serves an area of 50 square miles around Diablo, Danville and Alamo. It also provides service to the Tassajara region of 50 square miles under contract with Contra Costa County. Chief: Michael W. Blodgett. Equipment: 12 pieces. Employees: 40. This district has mutual assistance agreement with San Ramon Valley Fire Department, Valley Community Services District and the California State Division of Forestry on Mt. Diablo. In addition to preventing and extinguishing fires, services include first aid and rescue for any emergency threatening life.

San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District serves an area of approximately 20 square miles around San Ramon. Chief: William J. Ferreira. Equipment: 5 pieces. Employees: 7 plus 15 volunteers. Mutual aid with Danville, Valley and other fire districts.

Valley Community Services District. Provides water, sewage, garbage disposal services, community parks and recreation and fire protection. (See page ) Serves 25,000 people in a 13 square mile area of southern San Ramon in Contra Costa County and Dublin in Alameda County.

## HOSPITAL DISTRICTS

West Contra Costa Hospital District (Brookside Hospital). Formed in 1948. The five members of the board of directors are elected to four-year staggered terms without pay, to set policy and hire an administrator who is in charge of about 550 full-time and 50 part-time employees. The hospital provides emergency services and general hospitalization. Charges are made to the patient. Parts of Orinda are within this district. There is a general plan of development and expansion over the next ten years. The board meets every third Thursday of the month.

Concord Hospital District (Concord Community Hospital). The hospital

serves the city of Concord and its peripheral communities. The five man board of directors are elected for four-year terms from among the registered voters within the hospital district. Capital expenditures are met from district taxes, whereas operating expenses and new equipment come from daily revenues, including Medicare and Medi-Cal patients. Services in 1968 include 189 hospital beds, emergency room service, obstetrics, a cobalt treatment center to be completed by mid 1969, five surgeries, inhalation and physio-therapy departments.

Pittsburg Community Hospital District. This district was formed in 1948, to provide hospital services to residents of the eastern part of Contra Costa County -- from Clyde to Antioch, which included Pittsburg, West Pittsburg, Shore Acres, Port Chicago, Avon and Clayton. The five man board of directors is not paid. They serve four-year terms, meeting the fourth Thursday of the month at the hospital. The hospital has 78 beds and provides both general hospital care and emergency services, and includes facilities for physical therapy, X-rays and laboratory.

### SANITARY DISTRICTS

Central Contra Costa. Formed in 1946, and expanded to include the area between Lime Ridge (Kirkner Pass) and the Alameda County Line. The tax rate, which is steadily decreasing, pays the operating costs and retires outstanding debts. Capitalization is financed through annexation, connection and service fees. The governing board consists of five persons, elected at large for four-year overlapping terms. They are paid a small fee for each meeting. The board appoints a General Manager-Engineer who must be a civil engineer. He in turn hires employees (currently about 90) through the county Civil Service. Services include maintenance of about 600 miles of sewers, planning, building and assessing new sewers, control of subdivision sewer installations, and checking septic tank requests. The district maintains a primary treatment plant with a deep water outfall in Suisun Bay. In addition the district grants a franchise for garbage collection to five contractors: Valley Disposal, Orinda, Lafayette, Diablo and Pleasant Hill-Bayshore.

Mt. View Sanitary District. Until recently the city of Martinez maintained its own sewage treatment plant. However in 1968, the district became part of the Central Sanitary District.

### RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICTS

Green Valley. Serves 365 residents near the area of Diablo, extending from the Diablo Country Club to Green Valley Road and from Stone Val-



ley Road nearly to Diablo Road. The five man board is elected on a rotating basis, three for four-year terms, two for two-year terms. The major service is a swimming pool. The Diablo Public Utility District, now dissolved, was formed to provide water to this area.

Pleasant Hill. Serves the city of Pleasant Hill and some contiguous areas. The five man elected board of directors hire a superintendent and 10 other full-time employees. During the course of a year, approximately 130 people are hired on a part-time basis. The district contains seven parks (three of which are undeveloped), a recreation center, a pool complex and tennis courts. A recently passed bond issue will increase the facilities. The district conducts afternoon playground programs at all elementary and intermediate schools. Some of the many special activities include: excursions, Jr. Teens, sports of many kinds, pre-school, arts and crafts, sewing, cake decorating, bridge, folk dancing, Yoga, Senior Citizens, church leagues and adult leagues.

## SCHOOLS

All school districts are governed by an unpaid school board, usually of five members, who are elected for overlapping four-year terms. The board selects a superintendent and also exercises general administrative powers. It determines educational policy within the framework set by the state and is responsible for the financing of the program and for building. Meetings are open to the public (except for executive sessions held to discuss personnel problems). In general, a higher than average expenditure per pupil indicates an expanded and superior program; the state-wide average expenditure per pupil in high school districts is \$712.00, and in unified districts is \$586.00. All of our local high schools provide adult education, open to anyone over age 18.

Mt. Diablo Unified School District. Board meetings are held the second and fourth Tuesday of each month.

The district serves 48,242 students in 38 elementary schools (K-6), 8 intermediate schools (7 and 8), and 7 high schools. There are approximately 1,700 teachers. This district includes the cities of Concord, Clayton, Pleasant Hill, Pittsburg, parts of Walnut Creek, and unincorporated areas between these cities.

Total expenditure in 1967-68, was \$29,903,376. The expenditure per pupil was \$611.00. About 43% of each school dollar comes from the local district, 50% from the state and 7% from Federal programs. The school dollar is spent for instruction including all salaries (79%), administration (2%), operations and maintenance (10%), fixed charges (4%), capital outlay (3%),

transportation (2%), food, community and health services (4%).

The school facilities are generally considered adequate, although there are some split sessions, some temporary buildings, some rented facilities and the libraries do not always have adequate books. Transportation is provided by a fleet of district-owned busses in accordance with the reimbursement limits set by the state.

In the intermediate and high schools vocational programs are available for both boys and girls and will continue to be expanded; greatest stress is on college preparation courses. The district has an outstanding program for the handicapped child: aurally, visually, educationally or orthopedically handicapped; for educable mentally retarded and severely mentally retarded; provides speech correction; home instruction is available. It also provides psychologists to diagnose learning and behavior problems, to test individuals and to interpret the findings, to assist in curriculum development, and to screen the handicapped. The district provides coordinated counseling through all levels.

The district also maintains these additional facilities: Shadelands, a school for the orthopedically handicapped, Pinehaven, a school for trainable mentally retarded; and Olympic High School, a continuation high school for students under 18 who are unable to utilize and participate in a full-time high school program and who are therefore ineligible to attend adult high school.

Martinez Unified School District. Board meetings are held the second and fourth Tuesday of each month.

The district serves 5,585 students in 5 elementary schools (K-6), 2 primary schools, 1 junior high school (7-8), and 1 senior high school (9-12), 1 continuation high school, and an adult high school. There are approximately 242 teachers. This district includes Martinez and surrounding areas.

The total expenditure in 1967-68 was \$4,504,964. The expenditure per pupil was \$795.00. About 73% of each school dollar comes from the local district, 19% from the state and 7-1/2% from Federal programs, and 1/2% from miscellaneous sources. The school dollar is spent for instruction including all salaries (72%), administration (3%), operations and maintenance (12%), fixed charges (7%), capital outlay (6%), transportation (3%), food, community and health services (3%).

San Ramon Valley Unified School District. Board meetings held the first and third Monday of each month.

The district serves 8,100 students in 7 elementary schools (K-6), 3 intermediate schools and 2 high schools (9-12). There are approximately 345 teachers. The district includes the towns of Alamo, Danville, Diablo and San Ramon and the surrounding area.

The total expenditure for 1967-68 was \$4,593,301. The expenditure per pupil was \$612.00. About 57% for each school dollar comes from the local district, 30% from the state, 8% from Federal programs, and 5% from other sources. The school dollar is spent for instruction including all salaries (78%), administration (3%), operations and maintenance (10%), fixed charges (5%), capital outlay (5%), transportation (4%), food, community and health services (2%).

Acalanes Union High School District. Board meetings are held the second and fourth Wednesday of each month.

The district serves 7,644 students in five high schools (9-12). There are approximately 300 teachers. The district includes the cities of Walnut Creek and Lafayette, the towns of Orinda, Moraga and Rheem.

The total expenditure for 1967-68 was \$7,217,683. The expenditure per pupil was \$764.00. About 67% of each school dollar came from the local district, 30% from the state, 2% from Federal programs and 1% miscellaneous sources. The school dollar was spent for instruction including all salaries (78%), administration (3%), operation and maintenance (12%), fixed charges (6%), transportation (1%), capital outlay (2%), community and health services (1%).

The district program emphasizes academic preparation, with opportunities provided from some cultural, avocational and prevocational courses.

The elementary district sending children to Acalanes District are Canyon, Lafayette, Moraga, Orinda and Walnut Creek. Each of these also has its own board as outlined above. Meeting dates are: Canyon -- last Monday of the month, Lafayette -- second and fourth Mondays of the month, Moraga -- second and fourth Mondays of the month, Orinda -- varies, Walnut Creek -- first and third Wednesday of the month.

	Students	Teachers	Total Expenditure	Expenditure Per Pupil
CANYON	29	2	\$ 15,929	\$586
LAFAYETTE	4,384	175	3,044,050	644
MORAGA	2,019	75	2,179,541	494
ORINDA	3,438	120	2,657,513	648
WALNUT CREEK	4,377	180	3,123,798	681



Contra Costa Junior College District. Established in 1948, the district now has two colleges; Contra Costa College, located in San Pablo and Richmond, and Diablo Valley College, located in Pleasant Hill. Contra Costa College has about 3,800 full-time students, while Diablo Valley College has about 6,400 full-time students. Both colleges have part-time and night school enrollments which are approximately two-thirds the size of the daytime enrollment. There are approximately 300 teachers in the district.

The district is governed by a five member board elected to four-year overlapping terms from five wards. Members are unpaid and meet once a month. The Board appoints a superintendent who is the chief administrative and executive officer and acts as professional policy advisor to the board. Each college also has a president who aids in planning and development of the program and the organization of the college, in staff selection and in development.

The total expenditure for 1967-68 was \$10,334,720, including \$522,735 for community service and \$1,546,460 for capital outlay. The cost per student was \$802.00. About 65% of the school dollar came from the district (county-wide), 25% from the state, 5% from Federal programs, and 4% from miscellaneous sources. The school operating dollar was spent on instruction including all salaries (77%), administration (3%), operation and maintenance (17%), fixed charges (8%), transportation and health services (1%).

College level instruction is offered in liberal arts, business, semi-professional and trade-technical fields. Any high school graduate or anyone over 18 who can profit from instruction may enroll. The colleges also offer forums, lectures, music, drama and arts programs to the public. Tuition is not charged to residents of the district.

#### COUNTY SCHOOL OFFICES

Act to coordinate the educational program among districts, provide direct professional assistance required by state law to districts which because of size and not able to furnish a satisfactory program (such as Canyon Elementary). See page 5, County Board of Education, page 10, Superintendent of Schools.

The County Board of Education also supervises the county-wide programs for the Education of Children in Institutions, the Regional Occupational Centers, Development Centers for Handicapped, and the Education for Severely Mentally Retarded. (Mt. Diablo provides its own service.)



A house at the intersection  
of Locust Street and Broadway Plaza  
in Walnut Creek.

## INCORPORATED CITIES

General law cities are incorporated under California State Law and State Constitution. Their governments must all follow a prescribed pattern. Charter cities have adopted their own form of government in accordance with special provisions of the State Constitution. All of the cities discussed here are general law cities.

### CLAYTON

Clayton was named for its founder, Joel Clayton, who in 1856, discovered and worked in the Black Diamond Mines at the foot of Mt. Diablo. The town of Clayton played an important role in the development of the coal industry in the area. At the height of Clayton's prosperity, about 1886, there were approximately 900 inhabitants, the town being one of the county's largest. Clayton became the drinking and entertainment center for the coal miners from the neighboring towns of Nortonville and Sommerville. When the mines shut down, Clayton did not collapse, but became more peaceful and has been called "the town too beautiful to die". In addition to the prosperous mines, the land was extremely fertile, being particularly suited to grapes. In 1885, Paul De Martini built a large winery near Clayton which flourished until prohibition. The winery building still stands. Another prominent early settler in the area was John Marsh, California's first doctor, who bought a ranch at the foot of Mt. Diablo in 1836.

Clayton today has a distinct rural-residential atmosphere. The terrain of rolling hills and valleys alongside orchards and wooded mountains makes the area one of great beauty. In March of 1964, the residents voted by a 4 to 1 majority to incorporate. The original incorporated area encompassed 1/2 square mile and has grown by annexation to almost 3/4 square mile. The population as of July 1968, was 1,296. The County Planning Commission estimates a 1990 census of 35,000 to 40,000. There is no industry within the city, and the only business buildings are a restaurant, store, bar, the post office, and craft and antique shops.

Because of the rapid growth of the entire Clayton Valley, planning the area's future development is of prime concern to its residents. The master plan includes not only the city of Clayton but also the lands around it which come under its sphere of influence. The general philosophy is one of maintaining the rural atmosphere with lot sizes a minimum of 12,000 square feet, going up to five acres. The existing creek beds and riding paths are to remain.

### CITY OFFICES

City offices are at Diablo and Main Streets, P.O. Box 268, Clayton;

Telephone 689-3622. These and the town hall are rented.

The major expenditure is for police protection, the second largest is for planning. Clayton's tax rate was 93.2 cents per \$100.00 assessed valuation in 1968. In addition to the city taxes, revenue sources are the state gasoline taxes, sales tax, liquor licenses, motor vehicle taxes, and local business licenses. The books are annually audited by an outside firm.

Clayton contracts for sewer and police protection from the city of Concord.

### ELECTED OFFICIALS

Clayton is a general law city with five elected council members, one of whom is elected Mayor. The council meets on the first and third Wednesday evening of each month at Clayton Community Hall, Oak and Center Streets.

### APPOINTED OFFICIALS AND COMMISSION

The City Clerk is appointed by the council and serves on a part-time basis. The City Attorney is also appointed part-time. The City Treasurer is appointed and receives no salary.

The Planning Commission of seven members meets the second Tuesday and the fourth Monday of each month at Clayton Community Hall at 8:00 p.m. A professional planning consultant is retained by the city.

Citizens' advisory boards or commissions are formed as needed. They include the Underground Conversion Committee, Contra Costa County Highway Advisory Committee, Contra Costa County Land Use and Mass Transportation Committee, League of California Cities, ABAG, Public Works Committee, Mt. Diablo Seal Creek Watershed Project.

### SPECIAL DISTRICTS

The only special district is one for street lighting. Other local governmental units which serve and tax Clayton are:

Clayton Lighting Maintenance District #1  
Contra Costa County Consolidated Fire District  
Contra Costa County Junior College District  
Contra Costa County Water Improvement District #2  
County Flood Control  
County Mosquito Abatement District #1



County Water Agency  
Mt. Diablo Unified School District  
Pittsburg Community Hospital  
B.A.A.P.C.  
B.A.R.T.D.  
E.B.R.P.D.

## CONCORD

The original Spanish grant of 17,900 acres, which was the beginning of Concord, has grown to be the largest city in the county. Pittsburg, Pacheco, Pleasant Hill, Walnut Creek and Clayton now form the boundaries of the city.

Lying in the shadow of Mt. Diablo, the city's rolling hills and vast stretches of flatlands, once devoted to cattle grazing, wheat, fruit and vegetables, have become great residential areas and a booming light industrial complex. A Master Plan, adopted in 1958, and continuously updated, provides for growth in an orderly manner to insure that the city will expand and prosper with a plan and a purpose.

In 1834, Spanish Governor Figueroa awarded a land grant to Don Salvio Pacheco, who named his property Rancho Monte del Diablo and used it as a cattle ranch. On this site the town of Concord was founded in 1868, and was known as Todos Santos (All Saints) for a brief period of time. Salvio Pacheco's adobe home still stands and is now a prominent restaurant. His son, Fernando, built his home on a 1,500 acre tract, a gift from Salvio. This building has been restored and presently is used by the Contra Costa County Horseman's Association. Both structures have been designated as State Historical Landmarks.

Fiestas and fetes were part of the colorful history of Concord. They were held in the Plaza, the heart of the old town. This spirit has continued with such festivals as the Pow Wow and Black Bart Days, bringing enthusiastic crowds to the parades, carnivals and other activities.

Incorporated in 1905, the city remained rural and remote, with but a small increase in population. Then came expansion after World War II. From a population in 1950 of 7,000 Concord has grown to a present population of 85,000. More than half the population is under the age of 21.

The average household income in 1968 was \$9,783. Eighty-six percent of the population live in single residential dwellings (75% of whom own their own homes), and the remainder live in multiple housing units with a very small percentage in attractive trailer parks.

Concord is not an industrial city but does have several highly developed commercial centers devoted to retailing. The city also has zoned many acres for industrial parks, the electronics industry being a prominent part of the commercial picture. The U. S. Navy is the single largest employer with the Naval Weapons Station located within the city.

### CITY OFFICES

City offices are located at the Civic Center, 1950 Parkside Avenue; Telephone 682-6600.

### ELECTED OFFICIALS

In 1953, Concord changed its status from a mayor-council to a council-city manager form of government. The Council is composed of five councilmen elected at large on a non-partisan basis for four-year terms. They select one member to act as Mayor. They serve on a part-time basis for a salary of \$300.00 per month.

The Council is responsible for policy and general control of the administration and appoints the City Manager who is responsible for carrying out that policy through administration of all city departments. Further duties of the Council are to approve the budget, levy taxes, enact local ordinances and appoint private citizens to various commissions and boards.

There are only two other elective officials: the City Clerk and the City Treasurer.

### APPOINTED OFFICIALS AND COMMISSIONS

The Council appoints the City Manager, City Attorney, and members of the Personnel Board, Building Appeals Board, Park and Recreation Advisory Commission, and Planning Commission. Members of the Safety Commission serve by virtue of the office they hold in government, as stipulated by city ordinance. The most recent addition to the city is a Youth Commission, with a Board soon to be appointed. The Council is currently considering the possibility of a Human Relations Advisory Committee and a Cultural Commission.

Concord operates under a merit system for its 290 employees. Salary scales are set annually, with both the City Manager and the Personnel Board acting in an advisory capacity to the Council. The Personnel Board advises the Council on the administration of the merit system and acts as an appeals board for civil service employees.

## SERVICES: CITY DEPARTMENTS AND UTILITIES

Public Works -- maintains all city rights-of-way including streets, storm drains and sewer lines, operates a municipal sewage treatment plant and a vehicle repair yard, administers the city's housing and building codes through design review and construction inspection; performs the city's technical engineering functions including civil and traffic engineering.

Police -- enforce local and state laws in the community, conduct crime prevention programs; administer the city's Civil Defense system.

Recreation -- administer and operate public recreation programs for all age groups including school and summer playground activities, children's and adults' sports, special instructional classes, operation of municipal golf course, swimming pools and recreation centers, and operation of a resident summer camp at Lake Tahoe. This camp consists of a 30-acre tract in El Dorado National Forest and is leased by the city from the U. S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service.

Parks -- maintains all city parks, street trees and street traffic islands.

Planning -- develops and administers the City General Plan which guides the physical development of the city; administers the city zoning ordinances; proposes types of development for special areas of the city; conducts research on present and future population, economic and land-use trends.

Supporting departments -- Legal, City Clerk, City Treasurer, Finance, and Personnel.

### Schedule of meetings:

City Council, first Monday at 4:00 p.m., second and fourth Mondays at 8:00 p.m.

Planning Commission, first and third Wednesdays at 8:00 p.m.

Park and Recreation Commission, second Wednesday at 8:00 p.m.

Safety Commission, second Wednesday at 9:30 a.m.

Personnel Board, second Thursday at 8:00 p.m.

Building Appeals Board, third Tuesday at 8:00 p.m.

Fire, water, hospital and library services are provided through special districts (see page 20). A municipal court under the state judicial system and administered by the county serves Concord and the surrounding area (see page 10).

Buchanan Airport is located adjacent to the city and is owned and operated by the county. With the aid of Federal funds the project was started in 1941, and has grown to be the twenty-seventh busiest civilian airport in the United States.

### SPECIAL DISTRICTS

Bay Area Air Pollution Control District  
Bay Area Rapid Transit District  
Central Contra Costa County Sanitary District #1, #2  
Concord Community Hospital District  
Contra Costa County Consolidated Fire District  
Contra Costa County Junior College District  
Contra Costa County Water District  
Contra Costa County Water Improvement District #1  
Contra Costa County Water Agency  
Contra Costa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District  
Contra Costa County Mosquito Abatement District #1  
Development Centers for Handicapped  
East Bay Regional Park District  
Education of Children in Institutions  
Mt. Diablo Unified School District  
Pittsburg Community Hospital District  
Pleasant Hill Recreation and Park District (outside city limits)  
Regional Occupational Centers  
Storm Drain Zone #22, Maintenance #1

### LAFAYETTE

Lafayette, a recently incorporated city situated on a former Mexican land grant, encompasses about 15 square miles with the sole business district located along a two-mile length of Mt. Diablo Boulevard. Primarily a bedroom community, homes are located on the rolling hills and along the stream-lined valleys next to fruit orchards and grazing land.

In 1847, Elam Brown purchased the Acalanes Grant consisting of 3,328 acres and 300 head of cattle. In 1857, Lafayette became a town; but not until after 1937, when the Caldecott Tunnel was completed, did the population increase rapidly. Currently, the population numbers over 30,000 and is expected to increase to between 40,000 to 50,000 by 1975.

Housing, usually on 1/4-acre lots or larger, ranges from \$20,000 to \$60,000 and higher. Most residents live in family groups with some single



adults living in apartments and duplexes. The median income in 1966, was \$11,500, which is substantially higher than the national average of \$6,000.

There is no industry in the area nor are there any plans in this direction. Therefore, most of the employed sector of the population commutes to jobs in other cities and communities.

The Lafayette Design Project, and Lafayette Improvement Association, and the Chamber of Commerce influence civic decisions by holding forums, "town meetings", and drives. There are also many organizations serving the business community, youth, and women, as well as special hobby and sport activities.

### CITY OFFICES

Lafayette City Office - 3450 "C" Golden Gate Way, Lafayette, California, 94549; Telephone 284-1968.

Lafayette became an incorporated general law city in July, 1968, by vote of the area residents in a special election. With a Council-Manager form of government, the Council serves as a legislative and policy-making body and a staff headed by a City Manager carries out the directives and enforces the ordinances.

The city has assumed responsibility for its administration, planning and land use, business licensing, sign control, and building and parking regulations. During the first fiscal year of a city's life, state law provides that the county shall continue to furnish the services to the area that were in effect prior to incorporation. Police protection, street and road maintenance and construction, engineering and traffic engineering, building inspection and planning consultation are provided until June 30, 1969, under this provision. As the city wanted increased police protection, an additional patrolman was secured by contract from the county.

After the first year these services are provided by a choice of four alternatives or any combination of these: the city itself may furnish the service; the city may contract the service from the county, or a neighboring city; the city may contract the service from a private firm, individual; or establish a special district. Continuing county responsibilities are public health and welfare, judicial, library and animal control services. Special districts provide and finance water, sewage, fire protection, education, regional parks, street lighting, street sweeping and landscape maintenance, and flood control. The specific districts serving the area are listed at the end of this section.

City financing is met by state subventions such as the sales tax, motor vehicle in-lieu tax, gasoline and cigarette taxes. There is no city property tax to meet city expenses. This could be changed in the future if the residents demand increased services which could not be financed from the present sources of income.

### ELECTED OFFICIALS

As a California general law city, five council members are elected at large on a non-partisan basis. The length of term is four years with election for the council seats taking place every two years on a rotating system. This is a part-time position for which no salary is received but reimbursement is made for expenses incurred on city business. The Council elects a mayor and vice-mayor from its membership for a one year period.

Regular meetings of the City Council are held the first and fourth Wednesdays of each month at 7:30 p.m., in the Board Room of the Lafayette Elementary School District office, 3477 School Street, Lafayette.

### APPOINTED OFFICIALS AND COMMISSIONS

All other city officials are selected by appointment by the Council rather than election, although this could be altered later.

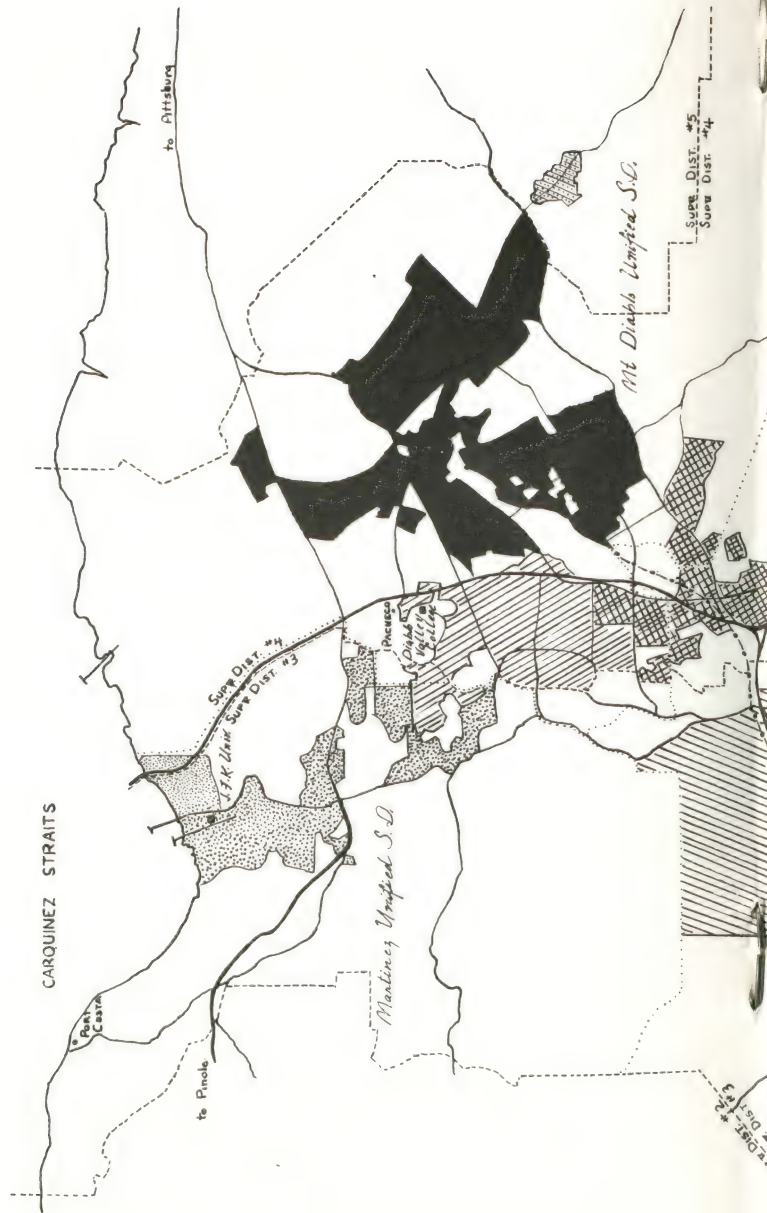
The City Manager is chosen for his administrative and executive ability and remains in office until he resigns or is discharged by the City Council. For his full time employment he receives a salary determined by Council and is reimbursed for working expenses. He is directly responsible to the Council for work of departments, personnel management, budget planning and control, purchasing and property management. He also administers any contracts for services the city has with the county. He can recommend to Council for adoption measures and ordinances he considers necessary. The City Attorney is the only city employee not under his supervision.

City Clerk is a part-time position with the salary established by Council. The clerk is responsible for all official records.

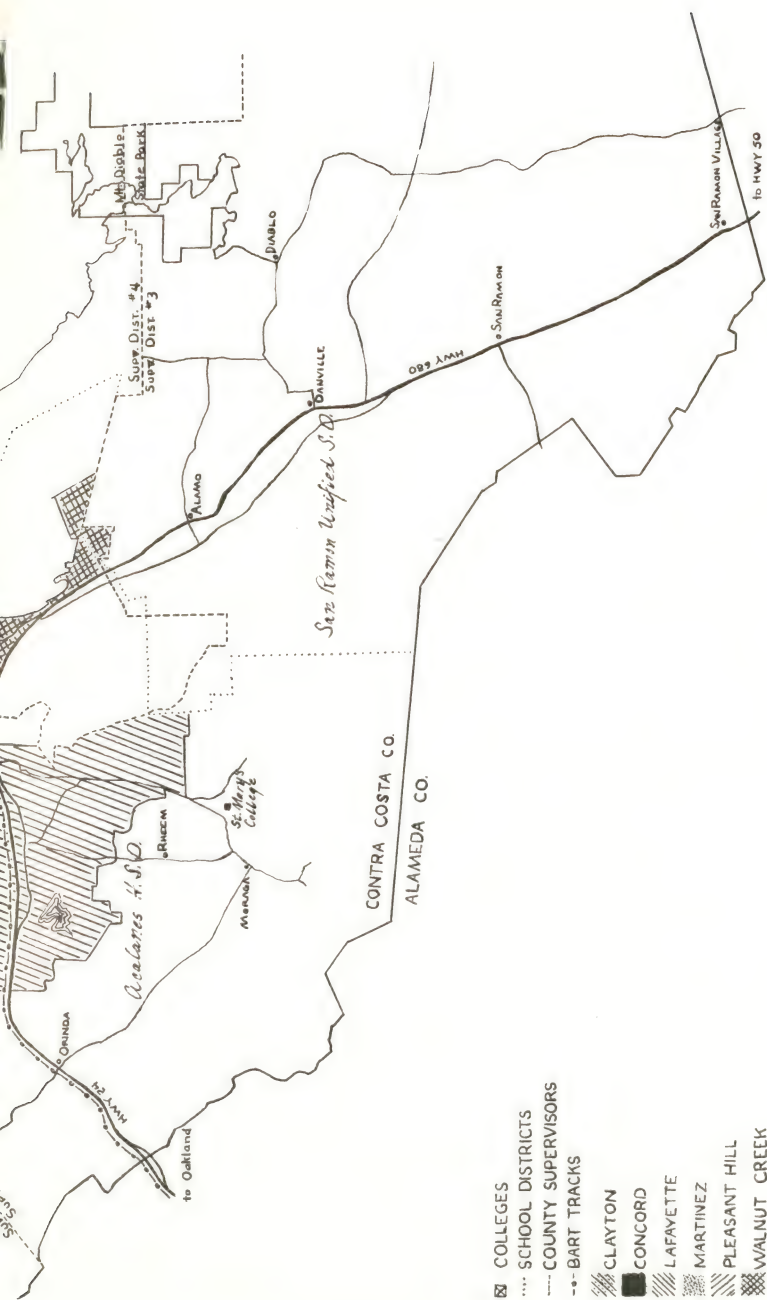
City Attorney: Drafts ordinances, gives Council and other officials legal advice and represents the city in litigation. This is a part-time position with the salary determined by the City Council.

City Treasurer: This position rotates each year among the managers of the four banks where the city's funds are deposited. There is no cost to the

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city for this arrangement.

Other Officials: During the city's first fiscal year Council has designated the County Sheriff as the ex-officio Chief of Police, and the heads of the county departments of Public Works, Building Inspection, and Planning as acting city officials. This practice will probably continue until the city chooses to establish similar city departments.

The Planning Commission established by Council as required by state law is a permanent commission that can make its own decisions without Council approval. It advises the Council on planning matters. It is responsible for a master plan, may propose zoning ordinances, and grant variances. The seven members, who must be qualified electors of the city, are appointed by Council to serve two-year terms. They receive no compensation. The Commission meets on the second and fourth Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at Stanley School, Lafayette.

Several advisory commissions were created by Council to study specific subjects and to recommend regulations pertaining to these subjects. They have six or seven members appointed by Council to serve for an indefinite period and receive no compensation. They are: Sign Ordinance Study Commission, Bay Area Rapid Transit Study Commission, Tree Ordinance Study Commission, Citizens Advisory Committee to Study Legislation Regulating Firearms and Dangerous Weapons, Walkway Policy Advisory Commission, and the Fire Protection Study Commission. The last one recommended that Lafayette should annex to the Contra Costa Consolidated Fire District for fire protection rather than remain the Lafayette Fire District. Council approved this recommendation and the annexation has been completed.

#### SPECIAL DISTRICTS

Acalanes Union High School District  
Alamo-Lafayette Public Cemetery District  
Bay Area Air Pollution Control  
Central Contra Costa Sanitary Districts #1, #2  
Concord Community Hospital District  
Contra Costa County Consolidated Fire District  
Contra Costa County Junior College District  
Contra Costa County Water Agency  
County Flood Control (Zones #3B, #7, #9)  
County Mosquito Abatement District #1  
County Service Area (L-18, Lighting L-20, LIB-5, M-2 Street Sweeping)  
East Bay Municipal Utility District

East Bay Regional Park  
Elementary Areawide School Levy  
Lafayette Elementary  
Pleasant Hill Recreation and Park District  
Pleasant Hill County Water

### MARTINEZ

The city of Martinez, the county seat of Contra Costa County, is located at the northern end of Diablo Valley, characterized by many picturesque hills and fronts on the Carquinez Strait. By a system of bridges and freeways, it is linked to San Francisco, 32 miles westerly, and Berkeley and Oakland, 25 miles westerly.

Martinez was first settled in 1823, by Ignacio Martinez and Francisco Castro, who had received land grants from Spain in the San Pablo Rancho and the Pinole grant. It was founded as a town in 1849, by Colonel William Smith, as agent for the Martinez family.

Martinez was first incorporated as a city on February 8, 1851; but the incorporation was void, as the law under which it sought to be incorporated was declared unconstitutional by the California Supreme Court. It was finally incorporated in 1876. It was made the county seat of Contra Costa County in 1851. It is the home of the Contra Costa County Hospital, founded in 1890.

Population in 1967 was 13,500. It is a highly industrialized city, with Shell Oil, Shell Chemical, Tidewater Oil, and Mountain Copper Company being the major manufacturers. The city plans to develop the waterfront property surrounding the recently opened marina. The main lines of both the Southern Pacific and the Santa Fe Railroads run through the city, and limited public transportation is provided by Greyhound Bus and County Transit Lines, Inc. The city currently has a small downtown shopping area. Its residents make many purchases at the large shopping centers in the Diablo Valley area.

Martinez is a general law city. It operates under the council-manager form of city government.

### CITY OFFICES

The city offices of Martinez are located at 525 Henrietta; Telephone 228-4400.

## ELECTED OFFICIALS

The City Council, composed of five councilmen elected at large for overlapping four-year terms, has administrative and policy-making responsibility. It elects one of its members to serve as mayor. The mayor has no veto power. Councilmen receive salaries for their services.

The City Treasurer and the City Clerk are elected for four-year terms.

## APPOINTED OFFICIALS AND COMMISSIONS

The City Manager, who heads the administrative branch of the city government is appointed by the Council and is responsible to it.

Director of Public Works. The Public Works Department is responsible for engineering, water treatment and distribution, street maintenance, storm drains, and building inspection.

Police Chief. The police staff includes one lieutenant, three sergeants and fourteen officers.

Other appointed officials are the City Attorney, the Director of Finance, the Director of Planning, and the Director of Parks and Recreation.

All of the above administrative directors except the City Attorney are appointed by the City Manager with the approval of the Council for indefinite terms, according to their individual contracts, with salaries set by the Council. Employees in the departments are selected by civil service procedures.

In addition to appointed administrative directors, the following commissions are also appointed by the Council:

The Citizens Advisory Committee works with the Planning Department and the Building Division of Public Works. This committee is required under Federal law in order that Federal funds can be obtained for special projects.

The Appeals Board is a review board for interpretation of the building codes.

The Civil Service Commission approves civil service examinations, makes salary recommendations, sets new job categories, and hears individual grievances.

The Human Resources Commission is concerned with minority groups and anti-poverty programs.



The Parking Place Commission oversees the use of downtown parking lots in the Municipal Parking District No. 1, and any additional lots that may be acquired in the future.

The Planning Commission advises the Council on the general plan, on design, and makes decisions on zoning, use permits, and land use variances.

The Park and Recreation Commission consists of seven members, three appointed by the Council, three by the School Board, and one selected by the other six members.



## SERVICES: CITY DEPARTMENTS AND UTILITIES

Water -- The city owns and operates its own water filtration plant and distribution system. Water is obtained from the San Joaquin River via Contra Costa Canal and supplied to the city of Martinez and to the surrounding developments of Muir Oaks, Mountain View, Muir Meadows, and other contiguous areas.

Sewage -- Martinez has long had its own sewage treatment plant. Effluent from the plant is discharged into Carquinez Strait near the shore. The plant is no longer adequate, and in order to meet state standards the city joined with Central Sanitary District and became part of the larger Diablo Valley sewage system.

Waste Disposal -- Garbage is collected by the Martinez Sanitary Service, a private company. With its weekly pickup it collects, at no extra charge, garden clippings and prunings left in containers in front of the house.

Parks -- Playgrounds, picnic areas, tennis courts, and volley ball are offered at Martinez parks. There are three small parks: Susana Street Park (1 acre), Brown Street Park (3/4 acre), and Nancy Boyd Park (4-1/2 acres). The Martinez Municipal Park has 41 acres, including picnic areas, swimming pool, a Storybook Fairyland for children, and a lighted softball field. A Shoreline Park, 4-1/2 acres of waterfront playfields, has been developed near the Marina. Recently property was acquired south of John Muir Parkway, and more sites are planned.

Recreation -- The Martinez Recreation Department has a year-round program for all ages, including golf, tennis, tap dancing, tumbling, kick-ball, and volley-ball, a Chess Club, and a Senior Citizens Club.

Library -- The Martinez Library is one of the sixteen branches of the Contra Costa Library system, established in 1913.

Museum -- The John Muir Home, built in 1881-82, is now a National Historic Site administered by the National Park Service. Also on the site is the historic Martinez Adobe.

Harbor Facilities -- Martinez has 270 acres of waterfront property. The new Marina now has 300 berths for small craft.

Related Recreational Facilities -- Because of the city's position near Suisun Bay and the Sacramento River Delta, excellent swimming and boating

are available. Between Martinez, Lafayette, and Pleasant Hill is 3,100-acre Briones Park, and East Bay Regional Park, Contra Costa County's largest and newest park.

#### SPECIAL DISTRICTS

Bay Area Air Pollution Control  
Bay Area Rapid Transit District  
Central Contra Costa County Sanitary Districts #1 and #2  
Contra Costa County Junior College District  
Contra Costa County Water District  
Contra Costa County Water Improvement District #1  
Contra Costa County Water Agency  
County Flood Control #9, #3B, #8  
County Mosquito Abatement District #1  
Development Centers for Handicapped  
East Bay Regional Park  
Education of Children in Institutions  
Educational Service to Mentally Retarded Minors  
Martinez Park District  
Mt. View Sanitary District  
Pleasant Hill Recreation and Park District  
Regional Occupational Centers

#### PLEASANT HILL

The city of Pleasant Hill occupies an area of five square miles in the Diablo Valley. It once consisted of mildly rolling range hillside, with native oaks, orchard lands, grain bottom land, and truck farms.

Its location as a prospective city was established by the erection of a veterans' monument at the intersection of two major thoroughfares linking the quadrants of central Contra Costa County. Its name came from the one-room school that served the area.

Two subdivisions of moderately priced homes were started in the housing boom of World War II, to meet the living needs of employees in war industries in the area. These were planned to be parts of a self-contained community with its own water system, shopping districts, and controlled traffic patterns.

By 1960, these and newer subdivisions had become an important housing area between the older communities of Concord and Walnut Creek. Foreseeing annexation, local business men and community leaders began work on incorporation, which was achieved in 1961, as a city manager-council city with

basic overall planning to continue its development as a non-property-taxed, light industry, and commercial center, residential area.

Population at the time of incorporation was 24,000. In 1967, it was 27,000, composed primarily of young families originally employed in local agriculture but more recently in Bay Area businesses and industries.

Approximately 2/3 of the working population commutes to the Bay Area for their employment. The other third is employed locally. The only unemployment problem is with youth, and the Youth Commission is attempting to meet this by finding jobs in baby sitting and odd jobs for youth.

Housing is typically bedroom-suburban. There are no slums. The average home value is \$24,000. Total assessed valuation \$43,000,000.

Nearly 30% of the city is still undeveloped, with the planned addition of several subdivisions within the incorporated area. The General Plan calls for limited multiple residential areas to surround the business area.

Pleasant Hill is a general law city. Under state law it may pass and enforce ordinances, collect and disburse monies, and provide for the safety and civic welfare of its citizens. Its limits are mainly those set by the state and county. It operates as a council-manager city.

#### CITY OFFICES

The city offices of Pleasant Hill are located at 3300 North Main Street; Telephone 934-6050.

#### ELECTED OFFICIALS

The Council, composed of five councilmen, elected at large, for overlapping four-year terms, has administrative and policy-making responsibility. It elects one of its members to serve as mayor. Members receive a salary for their services.

The Council holds monthly, open meetings. It is responsible for law enforcement, approval of contracts, and adoption of the annual budget. It decides zone changes, variances, annexations, and special assessment districts, and holds required public hearings.

The City Clerk is elected at large for a four-year term. He records proceedings of all Council meetings, maintains custody of city records, certifies

copies of records and official papers, administers oaths and affirmations, conducts municipal elections, and has custody of the city seal.

#### APPOINTED OFFICIALS AND COMMISSIONS

The City Manager is appointed by the Council and is responsible to it. He is head of the administrative branch and exercises administrative control over city departments, implements Council policies, prepares the annual budget, conducts studies, prepares reports required by the Council.

The City Treasurer heads the Finance Department and is accountable to the Council for all monies of the city. He is responsible for receiving and keeping incoming monies and disbursing funds only upon warrants signed by legally designated persons.

Official advisory boards include the seven-member Planning Commission, appointed by the Council and responsible to it, Architectural Review Commission, Sign Review Commission, Youth Commission, Community Development Commission, Gregory Gardens Water Advisory Commission, and Diablo Vista Water System Advisory Commission. The members of the Planning Commission and of the Architectural Review Commission are paid for their services: the former \$15.00 per meeting, the latter \$5.00 per meeting.

#### SERVICES: CITY DEPARTMENTS AND UTILITIES

Pleasant Hill contracts a few municipal services. Fire protection is furnished by a Consolidated Fire District, with a fire house, an engine, and a pumper in the city limits. It also contracts with the county for police, and plans to establish a city police department in 1970. There are no municipal court or jail facilities. All offenders are referred to county structures for detention and courts. Juveniles are held in County Juvenile Hall. Traffic offenders appear in the Mt. Diablo municipal court, located in Concord. Traffic studies and traffic safety are under the departments of Public Works and Public Safety.

#### SPECIAL DISTRICTS

Bay Area Air Pollution Control  
Bay Area Rapid Transit District  
Central Contra Costa County Sanitary Districts #1, #2,  
and Pacheco Annex  
Concord Community Hospital  
Contra Costa County Consolidated Fire District



Contra Costa County Junior College District  
Contra Costa County Water District  
Contra Costa County Water Improvement District #1  
County Flood Control Zone #3B  
County Mosquito Abatement District #1  
County Service Area (LIB-5)  
County Storm Drain Zones #16, #77  
Diablo Vista Water and Maintenance Districts  
East Bay Municipal Utility District  
East Bay Regional Park District  
Gregory Gardens Water District  
Lighting Maintenance Districts Nos. 1 thru 5, and zones 1 thru 9  
Mt. Diablo Unified School District  
Pleasant Hill Recreation and Park District  
Pleasant Hill Water District  
Regional Occupation Centers  
Contra Costa County Water Agency

#### WALNUT CREEK

The first house in what is now Walnut Creek was built in 1849. The first commercial development, a hotel and store called "Walnut Creek House", was built in 1855, and the first school in 1857. In 1860, the community called "The Corners", was officially named Walnut Creek and a post office was established in town. The first church, Methodist, was dedicated in 1872. Real estate developers, attracted to the area, acquired property and developed a subdivision, followed a year later by a second. In agriculture there was a shift from wheat to orchard farming, and fruit and walnut trees were planted. The first Walnut Festival was held in 1911.

In 1878, the Central Pacific Railroad built a line from Tracy to Oakland via Antioch and Martinez; in 1891, the Southern Pacific inaugurated service to Walnut Creek; and in 1909, the Oakland and Antioch Railway Company organized a commuter line to the Bay Area. By March 1913, regular passenger and freight service was offered between Walnut Creek and Oakland via a newly completed tunnel connecting Redwood and Shepherd Canyons.

Incorporation was accomplished October 21, 1914. The Caldecott Tunnel was completed in 1937, and this and the Bay Bridge made San Francisco an acceptable commute distance from Walnut Creek.

The incorporated area of Walnut Creek contains 33,850 people, while the postal district serves 69,993. There are 43,618 telephones, and 12,254

students are enrolled in the schools. The average annual net income is \$12,500 per family.

Rossmoor, a cooperative housing community for adults, is located on approximately 2,000 acres in the city. As of November 1968, 3,327 units had been constructed and there were 5,507 residents. When completed it will have 10,000 units and 17,000 residents.

### CITY OFFICES

The city offices of Walnut Creek are located at 1445 Civic Drive, Telephone 935-3300.

Walnut Creek is a general law city. It operates under a council-manager form of government, adopted in 1956.

### ELECTED OFFICIALS

The Council, composed of five councilmen elected at large for overlapping four-year terms, has administrative and policy-making responsibility. It elects one of its members to serve as mayor. Members receive a nominal salary for their services.

The Council meets twice monthly, at 8:00 p.m. on the first and third Mondays, in City Hall. It establishes local law, sets policy, rejects or approves programs, appropriates funds, establishes the tax rate, and supervises operations of city government through its city manager.

The City Clerk is elected for a four-year term and performs the duties prescribed by the general laws of the state. She also serves as Finance Director, responsible to the City Manager. She is responsible for financial planning, accounting and auditing, revenue administration, and the billing and collecting of taxes, special assessments, and service charges for the city. She provides principal assistance to the City Manager in the preparation of his annual budget and gives advice to the City Manager and other officials on financial problems.

The City Treasurer is elected for a four-year term and performs the duties prescribed by general laws of the state.

### APPOINTED OFFICIALS AND COMMISSIONS

The City Manager is appointed by the Council, by a majority vote of all members, for an indefinite term. He is chosen on the basis of administra-

five and executive ability.

He serves as administrative head of the city. He advises Council and directs the daily operations of city government, is responsible for law enforcement, for budget preparation, and for general supervision over all privately-owned utilities in the city. He controls purchasing of city supplies, prepares plans and specifications, and coordinates work of personnel administration. He is responsible for the appointment and dismissal, with approval of Council, of the Chief of Police, Director of Public Works, Director of Finance, Director of Parks and Recreation, Planning Director, and Director of Civic Arts.

Advisory boards and commissions, appointed by the Council for four-year staggered terms, composed of seven members each, who serve without compensation, include:

The Civic Arts Commission prepares, adopts, and recommends to Council plans for all phases of art and cultural activities.

The Parks and Recreation Commission prepares, adopts, and recommends to Council long-range plans for park and recreational development within the city.

The Planning Commission is advisory only except as otherwise provided by state law. It prepares, adopts, and recommends to Council for adoption long-range plans to guide future physical development of the city, and recommends to Council reasonable and practical means for putting plans into effect. A three-member subcommittee, the Board of Zoning Adjustments, handles exceptions and adjustments to zoning regulations and special permits involving land use.

#### SERVICES: CITY DEPARTMENTS AND UTILITIES

Public Works -- The engineering division is responsible for designing new and improved streets, bridges, local storm drains, etc., the street maintenance division for cleaning and repairing streets; the parks division for maintenance of parks, playgrounds, parkways, and street trees, and the building division for inspection of new building construction.

Planning Department -- responsible for preparation and maintenance of a long-range, comprehensive general plan for physical development of the city. It supervises and coordinates all planning work and makes recommendations concerning zoning, land development, and annexation.

Police Department -- provides police protection to the city, patrolling all areas and responding to emergency calls. It maintains a full-time juvenile delinquency prevention officer, a traffic safety division, and a team of skilled detectives.

The Police Department is also responsible for the coordination of Civil Defense. The City Manager is the official director, while the Chief of Police is the assistant director in charge of operations.

Parks and Recreation Department -- plans recreation and athletic programs, develops plans for construction and expansion of city parks, assists in planning park maintenance activities, and street landscaping.

Civic Arts Department -- responsible for the acquisition, exhibition, and care of a wide variety of art objects and for the custody of the Art Center buildings and equipment; and for planning and conducting broad educational programs and exhibits in the arts for children and adults. It has leased and transformed a walnut storage warehouse into a "Little Theatre" for musical and dramatic productions. The Diablo Light Opera Company and the Diablo Symphony group are resident there. Outside groups such as ACT, the San Francisco Opera, and the Oakland Symphony have performed locally.

#### SPECIAL DISTRICTS

Acalanes Union High School District  
Alamo-Lafayette Public Cemetery  
Bay Area Air Pollution District  
Bay Area Rapid Transit District  
Castle Rock County Water  
Concord Community Hospital  
Contra Costa County Consolidated Fire District  
Contra Costa County Junior College District  
Contra Costa County Sanitary Districts #1, #2  
Contra Costa County Water Agency  
Contra Costa County Water District  
County Flood Control Zone #3b  
County Mosquito Abatement District  
County Service Area (L-18)  
County Storm Drain Zones #13, #22  
East Bay Municipal Utility District  
East Bay Regional Park District



Educational Service to Mentally Retarded Minors  
Education of Children in Institutions  
Mt. Diablo Unified School District  
Pleasant Hill Recreation and Park District  
Pleasant Hill Water  
San Miguel Estates Water  
San Ramon County Water  
San Ramon Unified School District  
Walnut County Water  
Walnut Creek Elementary School District

## UNINCORPORATED AREAS

### Cowell

Cowell was begun as a company town for workers in the Cowell Cement Company and remained much the same from 1908 until the company closed during World War II. Residents had to find work elsewhere and many moved away. There was a two-room schoolhouse in Cowell until 1949, at which time it became part of the Mt. Diablo Unified School District. The schoolhouse was then used as a little theater until it burned down. There is now an agricultural extension office in Cowell along with small industrial establishments and an art gallery. The suburban towns of Concord and Clayton now come up to the edge of the old town.

### Diablo

Diablo was begun as a country club and area of country homes in the early years of the twentieth century on land once owned by John Marsh's daughter and her husband. Some homes today are older homes built as country homes of wealthy families, but the area also has new homes. The country atmosphere is preserved with large lots and spacious houses. A small post office and the Diablo Country Club are the only "business" establishments.

### Moraga

Traditionally, Moraga has been primarily a ranching and farming community. In 1835 the Moraga family received a land grant from the Mexican government for services rendered in the Mexican army. This land grant, called Rancho Laguna de los Palos Colorados, not only included the present day communities of Moraga and Rheem but also parts of Orinda, Lafayette, and Redwood Canyon. When the Moragas came to settle on their grant, they made friends with the Indians of the Acalanes tribe who inhabited this area at that time.

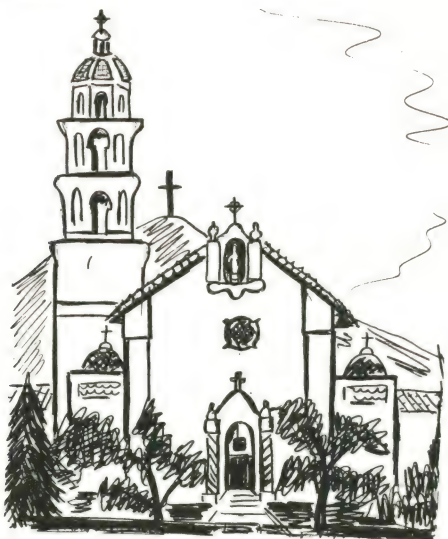
Early attempts to develop the area failed. However, in 1928, St. Mary's College under the direction of the Christian Brothers moved to Moraga. In the last fifteen years Moraga has experienced a sudden growth spurt marked by the appearance of many new housing developments.

Today Moraga is still a semi-agricultural community which serves mainly as a residential area for families whose heads are employed elsewhere in the Bay Area. Current population is 10,000 and this is expected to increase rapidly in the future.

Being an unincorporated community, Moraga is subject to government by the county Board of Supervisors and is served primarily by the special tax districts in the county.

### Special Districts

Acalanes Union High School District  
Bay Area Air Pollution Control  
Central Contra Costa County Sanitary Districts #1, #2  
Contra Costa County Junior College District  
Contra Costa County Mosquito Abatement District #1  
Contra Costa County Water Agency  
County Flood Zones #3b, #7, #9  
County Service Area (L-18, L-20, LIB-5, M-2)  
East Bay Municipal Utility District  
East Bay Regional Park District  
Eastern Fire District #1  
Elementary Area-wide School Levy  
Moraga Elementary School District  
Regional Occupational Centers  
San Francisco-Bay Area Rapid Transit District  
Services to Mentally Retarded Minors  
Services to Physically Handicapped Minors  
Storm Drain Zone #1



## Orinda

Orinda, like Moraga, is an unincorporated community situated on portions of the Rancho de Laguna de los Palos Colorados and of the Rancho El Sobrante, which were Mexican land grants to the Moraga and Castro families, respectively. In the 1920's, approximately 1,250 acres north of the present freeway were established as the townsite of Orinda. It was not until after the Caldecott Tunnel was opened in 1937 that the area really began to develop.

Orinda is primarily residential in nature and as such the majority of the family heads work in other areas of the Bay Area. In 1949 a zoning ordinance was passed which limits the size of building lots to a minimum of 1/2 acre, with the Crossroads and Village business districts reserved for business activities. Currently, the population is in excess of 18,000 and is on the increase.

Since Orinda is unincorporated, having failed to pass an incorporation bill in 1967, the civic affairs of the community are handled by a voluntary community improvement club known as the Orinda Association. Formed in 1946, the club provides liaison committees between the community and governmental authorities. Government of the area lies with the county Board of Supervisors. Most of the services in Orinda are provided by special county districts, a list of which follows.

### Special Districts

Acalanes Union High School District  
Bay Area Air Pollution Control District  
Briones Fire District  
Central Contra Costa County Sanitary Districts #1, #2  
Contra Costa County Junior College District  
Contra Costa County Water Agency  
County Flood Zones #3b, #7, #9  
County Mosquito Abatement District #1  
County Service Area (L-18, L-20, LIB-5, LIB-8, M-2)  
County Storm Drain Zone #1  
East Bay Municipal Utility District  
East Bay Regional Park District  
East Contra Costa County Fire District #1  
Elementary Area-wide School Levy  
Lafayette Fire District  
Orinda Elementary School District  
Orinda Fire District  
Orinda Vehicle Parking District #1



Regional Occupational Centers  
San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District  
Services to Mentally Retarded Minors  
Services to Physically Handicapped Minors  
West Contra Costa Hospital District

### Pacheco

Pacheco was originally part of the land called Rancho Monte del Diablo granted to Don Salvio Pacheco in 1834. During the 1850's the town was the principal shipping port of the county, but floods filled the sloughs with silt and forced abandonment of the port. Don Pacheco encouraged merchants to move to Concord and begin business there. Today Pacheco is a small residential and business community west of Concord and Diablo Valley College campus is on the hills behind the town.

### Rheem

This town was part of the Moraga land grant. It remained exclusively rural in character until very recently when large land developers began building in this area. There is now a large shopping center here.

### San Ramon Valley: Alamo, Danville, San Ramon

The fertile, softly rolling terrain and mild climate of San Ramon Valley were ideally suited to the leisurely agricultural pursuits of the Spanish settlers in the 19th century. This area, which encompasses the unincorporated towns of Alamo, Danville, Diablo and San Ramon, refers to this past in its motto: "old century leisure; new century convenience".

Dona Rafaela Soto de Pacheco received the Rancho San Ramon as a grant from the Spanish government in 1833. At about this time, the Bolgones tribe of Indians, the first known inhabitants of the Valley, were subdued by General Moraga. These Indians lived at the base of Mt. Diablo, and it was during their battles with the "white man" that the mountain became known to the soldiers as "Mount Devil". The Rancho San Ramon prospered with the planting of grain and care of livestock. In 1834 the ranch was granted to Jose Maria Amador by Governor Figueroa. The area continued to grow, and its farm lands became famous. Myron Hall introduced the soft-shell walnut industry in 1873. A bronze plaque commemorates this event and may be seen in the orchards on Jackson Way in Alamo. Walnuts, apples, pears and plums and superior wheat were the main crops in San Ramon until recent years.

The population of San Ramon Valley is now over 30,000. One would have trouble imagining that in 1852 there were only four houses between Alamo, the second oldest township in Contra Costa County, and the oldest, Martinez. Today, the people who work in close metropolitan cities, light industry and manufacturing facilities in the area have converted the farm lands to a modern suburbia. This was a major issue in a recent bid made by the area for incorporation. The residential area is now zoned for varying densities; the price of new homes ranges from \$20,000 to over \$50,000. There is fear that the semi-rural atmosphere now prevailing in the area will give way to the more economical advantages of industry and high density housing. However, the election failed, presumably because the voters did not feel willing to pay the additional taxes necessary to influence the growth of the area more directly. Right now, there is no local government. San Ramon Valley is included in the Third Supervisorial District, which extends from Orinda on the west to Diablo on the east, from Alameda County line on the south to Martinez on the north.

#### Special Districts

Alamo-Lafayette Public Cemetery District  
Bay Area Air Pollution Control District  
Bay Area Rapid Transit District  
Central Contra Costa County Sanitary District  
Contra Costa County Junior College District  
County Flood Control Zones 3b, #1  
County Mosquito Abatement District #1  
County Service Areas (F-2, M-4, W-2, LIB-4, L-45--fire,  
lights and street sweeping, water, library, lights)  
County Storm Drain Zones #10, #13  
County Water Agency  
County Water District  
Danville Fire District  
Diablo Public Utility District  
East Bay Municipal Utilities District  
East Bay Regional Park District  
Green Valley Recreation and Park District  
Pittsburg Community Hospital  
Regional Occupational Centers  
San Ramon County Water District  
San Ramon Fire District  
San Ramon Valley Unified School District  
Service to Mentally Retarded Minors  
Valley Community Services District

## UTILITIES

### Gas, Electricity and Telephone

Gas and electricity are supplied by the Pacific Gas and Electric Company and the telephone service is furnished by the Pacific Telephone Company. The California Public Utilities Commission regulates both companies by setting rate charges and defining the operating procedures.

### Water

The Pleasant Hill (Gregory Gardens) Water District provides water for portions of Pleasant Hill. County Water Districts supply water to other areas of the county (these include Castle Rock County Water, and Contra Costa County Water). Martinez provides treated water to city residents. The East Bay Municipal Utility District provides water to the western and south central county.

### Garbage Collection

The Valley Disposal Company provides service for Pleasant Hill, Walnut Creek and surrounding areas. The Concord Disposal Service provides service for Concord, Clayton and surrounding areas. Diablo Disposal Company serves part of Walnut Creek and in the San Ramon Valley, east of the freeway. All are privately owned.

### Sewage

The Central Contra Costa Sanitary District serves most of the central county's needs for sewers.

The Valley Community Services District provides fire, water, garbage, collection and sanitary services for a southern portion of San Ramon.

For details about these districts, please see the "Special Districts" section, and the "Directory" in the back.

## VOTER INFORMATION

Your political address in central Contra Costa County is:

Congressional District #14

State Senatorial District ~~#18~~ 7

Assembly District #10 or #11

County Supervisorial District #3 or #4

### Registration Eligibility

Prior to the election you must be:

1. 21 years of age
2. U. S. citizen 90 days
3. California resident 1 year
4. Contra Costa County resident 90 days
5. Precinct resident 54 days

The State and local residence requirements may be waived in voting for President and Vice-President in a general election. Obtain information and forms from the County Clerk, Elections Department, Martinez.

### General Data

1. Depty registrars are located at:
  - a. Hall of Records, Martinez
  - b. City Halls
  - c. Some fire stations
  - d. Central locations prior to closing dates
2. Re-register if you have:
  - a. Moved
  - b. Changed name
  - c. Changed party affiliation
  - d. Failed to vote in a November general election



3. Naturalized citizens must bring proof of citizenship when registering.
4. Persons who wish to vote for partisan offices in the primaries must state party affiliation when registering; otherwise they will receive a ballot with only the names of those nominated for non-partisan offices. There are at present five qualified political parties in California: American Freedom Party, Democratic, Peace and Freedom, Republican, and Prohibition.

### Absentee Voting

Ballots are obtainable from the County Clerk not more than 29 nor less than 7 days prior to the elections. Voted ballots must be returned to the County Clerk's Office 3 days prior to election day.

### Schedule of Elections

<u>April:</u>	<u>Cities:</u>	General Law cities (all Contra Costa County cities except Richmond); even years.
	<u>Schools:</u>	Governing boards; odd years.
<u>June:</u>	<u>Primary:</u>	Selection of party candidates for State and Federal offices, delegates to national party conventions, party central committee members; county offices and non-partisan State offices who receive a majority of the votes cast are automatically elected and do not run in November.
<u>November:</u>	<u>Federal:</u>	General election of President and Vice-President (every fourth year); U. S. Representatives (every second year); U. S. Senators every sixth year each, overlapping.
	<u>State:</u>	General election of Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, Treasurer, Controller, Secretary of State, Attorney-General, Board of Equalization, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Judges, State Senators, and Assemblymen (every second year).

County: Run-off if candidates did not receive majority vote in June.

School Bond measures and tax increases called by the Districts as needed.

Special District elections may be called at varied times in accordance with California district legislation. Call the district offices for specific information.

For additional information on registration or elections, contact Elections Department, P. O. Box 911, Martinez 94553; phone 228-3000.

## DIRECTORY OF PUBLIC SERVICES

The list below will help you find frequently needed public services. For additional information call the county or city main offices.

### YOUR EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Police (Sheriff) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Fire \_\_\_\_\_  
 Doctor \_\_\_\_\_

### FIRE AND POLICE:

Dial Operator and say:  
 "I want to report a fire in \_\_\_\_\_"  
 "I want a policeman in \_\_\_\_\_"

AMBULANCE EMERGENCY DISPATCH 228-5006

SHERIFF (Emergency Only)  
 Danville-San Ramon Area 935-2474  
 Lafayette-Moraga-Orinda 254-2474  
 Martinez, and all others 228-8280

CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL (Traffic Emergency)  
 1854 Willow Pass Road, Concord 685-2171

If no answer call Vallejo 707-644-4161  
 or  
 Ask Operator for Zenith 1-2000

### POLICE

Clayton Police Department  
 2905 Willow Pass Road, Concord 682-6363

Concord Police Department  
 Willow Pass & Parkside Avenue (Emergencies) 682-6363  
 Concord (Business) 682-6366

Martinez Police Department  
 525 Henrietta Way  
 Martinez 228-4141

Pleasant Hill Police Department  
 3300 North Main Street  
 Pleasant Hill 934-7804

Walnut Creek Police Department  
 1649 North Broadway (Emergencies) 935-6400  
 Walnut Creek (Business) 935-3500

## FIRE

Alamo, Danville Fire Department		
Hartz Avenue	(Fires)	837-4211
Danville	(Business)	837-4212
Clayton, Concord, Martinez, Pleasant Hill, Walnut Creek		
2010 Geary Road	(Fires)	933-1313
Pleasant Hill	(Business)	939-3400
Lafayette Fire Department		
3338 Mt. Diablo Boulevard	(Fires)	284-4421
Lafayette	(Business)	284-4422
Moraga (Rheem) Fire Department		
331 Rheem Boulevard	(Fires)	376-4421
Moraga	(Business)	376-5454
Orinda Fire District		
20 Avenida de Orinda		
Orinda		254-4333
Valley Community Services District (Offices)		
7051 Dublin Boulevard	(Fires)	828-2121
Dublin	(Business)	828-0515

## UTILITIES

### Gas and Electricity

Pacific Gas & Electric Company	
2065 Concord Boulevard, Concord	686-5440
195 South "N", Livermore	447-1480
3593 Mt. Diablo Boulevard, Lafayette	284-4417
920 Main, Martinez	228-1900
1535 Bonanza, Walnut Creek	934-6732

### Telephone

Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Company	
609 Las Juntas, Martinez	228-9000
1250 Arroyo, Walnut Creek	935-9000
2121 Grant Street, Concord	689-9000

### Garbage

Valley Disposal Service, Inc.	
2685 North Main, Walnut Creek	936-8900



Concord Disposal Service 2645 Concord Avenue, Concord	682-9113
Orinda-Moraga Disposal Service	254-2844
Valley Community Services District	846-4565
Lafayette Garbage Disposal Service 998 Hough Avenue, Lafayette	283-2989 283-3778

#### Water

East Bay Municipal Utility District 1550 Broadway Plaza, Walnut Creek	934-6622
Orinda	284-4466
Gregory Gardens Water System 3300 North Main, Pleasant Hill	934-6050

#### Sewage

Central Contra Costa County Sanitary District Call County Offices	
Mt. View Sanitary District 75 Morello Road, Martinez	228-2717
Valley Community Services District - General Offices 7051 Dublin Boulevard, Dublin	828-0515

### CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

Administration Building, Martinez	228-3000
Contains Offices of:	
Administrator	
Board of Supervisors	
Building Inspector	
Civil Service	
Flood Control & Water Conservation District	
Planning Department	
Probation Department	
Public Works	
Social Services	
Finance Building, Martinez	228-3000
Contains Offices of:	
Assessor	
Auditor	
Tax Collector	
Treasurer	

Court House, Martinez	228-3000
Contains Offices of:	
Clerk	
District Attorney	
Jury Commissioner	
Martinez Branch Municipal Court	
Superintendent of Buildings	
Superior Court	
 Children's Shelter	
100 Glacier Drive	
Martinez	228-3000
 Coroner - Call Sheriff's Office	
 Health Department, including Home Health Agency	
1111 Ward Street	
Martinez	228-3000
 Alcoholic Information & Rehabilitation Service	
Public Health Nursing	
1291 Oakland Blvd.	
Walnut Creek	939-6336
 Sanitation Services	
79 Santa Barbara Road	
Pleasant Hill	228-3000
 Jail	
Main & Pine	
Martinez	228-3000
 Marshals - for municipal courts	
Mt. Diablo District	
1950 Parkside Avenue	
Concord	687-5720
 Walnut Creek-Danville District	
1250 Locust	
Walnut Creek	934-8027
 Mosquito Abatement	
2699 Concord Avenue	
Concord	685-9301
 Public Administrator	
1011 Las Juntas Way	
Martinez	228-3000

Public Defender 901 Pine Martinez	228-3000
Purchasing Agent 823 Main Martinez	228-3000
Recorder 822 Main Martinez	228-3000
Sheriff (not emergency) 651 Pine Martinez	228-3000
Veterans Service Officer 930 Ward Martinez	228-3000
Sealer of Weights & Measures (under Agriculture Dept) 161 John Glenn Drive Concord	682-7550

#### OTHER SERVICES

ABAG (Assn. of Bay Area Govts.) Hotel Claremont Berkeley	843-7118
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#### ADOPTION SERVICES of Contra Costa County

100 Astrid Drive Pleasant Hill	228-3000
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#### ADULT EDUCATION

Call district offices of CCC Junior College District:

- Diablo Valley College
- Mt. Diablo U.H.S.D.
- Acalanes U.H.S.D.
- San Ramon Valley U.H.S.D.

#### AGRICULTURAL SERVICES

Agricultural Extension Service  
960 East Street  
Pittsburg

682-8601

Farm & Home Advisor  
960 East Street  
Pittsburg

682-8601

Department of Agriculture 161 John Glenn Drive Concord	682-7550
AIR POLLUTION Bay Area Air Pollution Control District 1480 Mission Street San Francisco	552-1300
AIRPORT Buchanan Field 171 John Glenn Drive Concord	685-0722
ALAMO-LAFAYETTE CEMETERY 989 Oakland Street, or Mt. Diablo Blvd. Lafayette	284-1353
ALCOHOLISM See County Health Department	
ANIMALS - Lost, Dead or To Purchase Contra Costa County Animal Control Orinda-Moraga-Lafayette 790 San Pablo Pinole	235-7666
All Others: 4849 Imhof Road Martinez	228-3000
ASSESSOR See County Listing	
AUDITOR See County Listing	
BARTD (Bay Area Rapid Transit District) 814 Mission Street San Francisco	986-1818
BIRTH CERTIFICATES See County Health Department	
BOATING See Martinez (Marina)	
BUSINESS COMPLAINTS Better Business Bureau 1327 North Main Walnut Creek	935-3300



## BURNING, OPEN

See Air Pollution, or call local fire departments

## BUSSES

County Transit Line, Inc.

1021A Shary Court

Concord

825-1145

Greyhound Bus Lines

1819 Grant

Concord

685-5122

990 Moraga Road

Lafayette

283-2714

708 Alhambra Avenue

Martinez

228-0438

2373 Contra Costa Blvd.

Pleasant Hill

935-3603

1682 North Main

Walnut Creek

934-2281

## BUILDING PERMIT

Building Inspection Department

Administration Building

Martinez

228-3000

## CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE

Alamo, Danville & San Ramon

401 South Hartz Avenue

Danville

837-4400

Concord

2080 Willow Pass Road

685-1181

Lafayette

3614-C Mt. Diablo Blvd.

284-7404

Martinez

609 Main

228-2345

Orinda

61 Moraga Way

254-3909

Pleasant Hill  
200 Gregory Lane 687-0700

Walnut Creek  
1359 Locust 934-2000

CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT  
See County Probation Department

CIVIL SERVICE  
See County listing or call city offices

CLAYTON CITY OFFICES  
Main Street  
Clayton 689-3622

COLLEGES  
Contra Costa County Junior College District  
Administration Offices  
1005 Escobar  
Martinez 228-5750

Diablo Valley College  
Pleasant Hill 685-1230

Contra Costa College  
San Pablo 235-7800

John F. Kennedy University  
1124 Ferry  
Martinez 228-6770

Saint Mary's College  
Moraga 376-4411

CONCORD CITY OFFICES  
Civic Center 682-6600

Recreation Centers  
2974 Salvio 687-2585

John F. Baldwin Park 687-1481

Municipal Golf Course  
4050 Port Chicago Hwy. 686-6262

Community Park Swimming Pool  
Cowell Road 687-1930

CORONER - See County listings

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR - See County listings

CIVIL DISASTER OFFICE

50 Glacier Drive

Martinez

228-5000

CULTURAL ACTIVITIES:

Galleries, museums, symphonies, theaters

Alexander Lindsay, Jr., Museum of Natural Science

1901 First Avenue

Walnut Creek

935-1978

Art Exhibits in all branches of the  
County Library

Diablo Light Opera Company

933-2673

Diablo Symphony Association

2609 Golden Rain Road

Walnut Creek

939-7121

The Dramateurs

61 Moraga Way

Orinda

254-6578

Pittsburg High School

Theater

439-9195

St. Mary's College Gallery

Moraga

376-4411

Walnut Creek Civic Arts Program

Classes, Exhibits, Theater

1641 Locust (Theater)

939-0355

1313 Civic Dr. (Classes & Information)

935-3300

COURTS

County Court House

Municipal Courts

Mt. Diablo District

1950 Parkside Avenue

Concord

687-2121

Martinez Branch Court  
Court House, Martinez

Walnut Creek-Danville District  
1250 Locust  
Walnut Creek

935-6372

Justice Courts (Small Claims)  
See Page 5

#### DEATH CERTIFICATE

See County Health Department

#### DOG & PET LICENSES

Call City Offices

#### DRIVER'S LICENSE

California State Department of Motor Vehicles  
1111 Haven  
Martinez

228-1435

or

1910 N. Broadway  
Walnut Creek

935-4464

#### DUMPING

Acme Fill Corporation  
Arthur Road  
Martinez

228-6525

#### ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY COUNCIL

See Office of Economic Opportunity

#### ELECTIONS

See Page 60

#### ELECTRIC SERVICES

See "Utilities"

#### EMPLOYMENT OFFICE, STATE

1849 Willow Pass Road  
Concord

687-0770

#### FOOD INSPECTION

See County Health Department

#### FLOOD CONTROL

See County Flood Control & Water Conservation District

#### GOLF COURSES

Call City Offices



## GUN REGULATIONS

Call Sheriff's Office or City Offices

## HOUSING AUTHORITY

State: Local Office Housing Department

1849 Willow Pass Road, Concord

687-9060

Federal:

3133 Estudido

Martinez

228-5330

## HEALTH DEPARTMENT

See County Listing

## HOSPITALS

County

2500 Alhambra

Martinez

228-5800

Concord Community

2540 East Street

Concord

682-8200

John Muir Memorial

1601 Ygnacio Valley Road

Walnut Creek

939-3000

Kaiser Foundation

1421 South Main

Walnut Creek

935-1500

Pittsburg Community

550 School Street

Pittsburg

432-2941

West Contra Costa

(For areas near Orinda & in West Contra Costa)

Brookside Hospital

Vale Road

San Pablo

235-7000

## HOSPITALS (Convalescent)

See Telephone Directory

## HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSES

California State Fish & Game Department

Ferry Building

San Francisco

557-2237

HELIPORT for SFO Airlines Buchanan Field 171 John Glenn Drive Concord	685-0722
JUVENILE HALL 202 Glacier Drive Martinez	228-3000
JUSTICE COURTS See County Listings	
JUVENILE COURTS See County Probation Department	
LAFAYETTE CITY OFFICES 3450 "C" Golden Gate Way Lafayette	284-1968
LIBRARIES, LIBRARY CARDS Library Administration 1750 Oak Park Blvd. Pleasant Hill	228-3000
2900 Salvio Concord	685-7041
952 Moraga Road Lafayette	283-3872
740 Court Martinez	228-3000
2 Irwin Way Orinda	254-2184
110 Center Avenue Pacheco	689-7226
1014 Stanley Dollar Drive Walnut Creek	939-9194
555 South Hartz Avenue Danville	837-4889
1644 North Broadway Walnut Creek	934-5373

LAFCO (Local Agency Formation Commission)  
Administration Office  
c/o Board of Supervisors  
Martinez 228-3000

MARRIAGE LICENSES  
See County Clerk-Recorder

MARSHALS  
See County Listing

MARTINEZ CITY OFFICES  
525 Henrietta  
Martinez 228-4400

MEDICARE  
See Social Security

MUNICIPAL COURTS  
See COURTS

NEWSPAPERS

Local:

Concord Daily Transcript  
1741 Clayton Road  
Concord 458-4000

Contra Costa Times - Green Sheet  
1940 Mt. Diablo Blvd.  
Walnut Creek 935-2525

Morning News Gazette  
937 Main  
Martinez 228-6400

Rossmoor Walnut Creek  
1001 Golden Rain Road  
Walnut Creek 939-1622

Valley Pioneer, Village Pioneer  
222 Railroad  
Danville 837-4267

Also available are many specialized newspapers including shoppers. Regional newspapers include: Berkeley Daily Gazette, San Francisco Chronicle, San Francisco Examiner, Oakland Tribune, Richmond Independent; consult your telephone book for information.

## OFFICE OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

1157 Thompson  
Martinez

228-3000

## PLEASANT HILL CITY OFFICES

3300 North Main

934-6050

Youth Commission  
35 Gregory Lane

687-0137

## PLANNING COMMISSION

See County Offices, Planning Department, City Offices

## PARKS AND RECREATION

Call:

City Offices (Recreation & Park Districts,  
Youth Commissions)

531-9300

East Bay Regional Park District

Briones: Hiking, picnicing, horse-back  
riding. Tilden: Day camps, picnicing,  
hiking, Brazil Room for receptions, etc.,  
Lake Anza beach and fishing. Redwood:  
Pool, picnicing, hiking

East Bay Municipal Utility District

Lafayette Reservoir: Fishing, boating,  
picnicing, hiking

School Districts

Mt. Diablo State Park

837-2525

County Recreation and Natural Resources Commission 228-3000

## PROBATION DEPARTMENT

See County Listing

## PUBLIC WORKS

See County or City Offices

## RADIO & TELEVISION STATIONS

KCRA-TV News (Channel 3 - Sacramento)

1741 Clayton Road  
Concord

682-6440

KDFM Multiplex Stereo (92.1)

1245 South Main  
Walnut Creek

934-5300

KWUN Radio Station (1480)

1856 Colfax  
Concord

685-1480



Rossmoor Television Station 1001 Golden Rain Road Walnut Creek	933-6180 933-3535
RABIES VACCINATION See County Animal Control	
REMODELING PERMITS See County Building Inspection Department	
SCHOOLS See Telephone Directory for individual sites	
Acalanes Union High School District 1212 Pleasant Hill Road Lafayette	935-2800
Canyon School Pinehurst Road Canyon	376-4671
Lafayette Elementary School District 3477 School Street Lafayette	284-7011
Moraga Elementary School District 1111 Camino Pablo Moraga	276-5943
Orinda Union School District 8 Altarinda Orinda	254-4901
Walnut Creek Elementary School District 960 Ygnacio Valley Road Walnut Creek	933-1500
Martinez Unified School District 921 Susana Martinez	228-5260
Mt. Diablo Unified School District 1936 Carlotta Drive Concord	682-8000
San Ramon Valley Unified School District 334 Linda Lane Danville	837-5591

## SCHOOLS, PRIVATE

See Telephone Directory

Athenian School

Diablo (9-12)

Canterbury Day School

Walnut Creek (N-7)

Carondelet High School

Concord (R.C. 9-12)

Christian Academy of Walnut Creek (K-6)

Dorris-Eaton School

Danville & Alamo (N-6)

Palmer School

Walnut Creek (K-8)

Pinel

Pleasant Hill (Ungraded)

## SIGN CONTROLS

Call City Offices

## SEWAGE DISPOSAL

See "Utilities"

## SOCIAL SERVICE

See County Listings

## SOCIAL SECURITY

Social Security Administration

90 Petticoat Lane

Walnut Creek

933-2500

## STREET

Lighting, Repairs, Obstructions, Sweeping

See County Public Works Department, or

call City Offices

## SMALL CLAIMS COURTS

See Courts, Justice

## STORM DRAINS OR DITCHES CLOGGED

See County Flood Control

## SUPERVISORS, COUNTY

See County Board of Supervisors

TAX BILL

See County Assessor, Board of Equalization  
or Treasurer/Tax Collector

TREES AND SHRUBS

Permission to alter, anything pertinent  
See Planning Commission

VALLEY COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

P.O. Box 343  
Dublin

VETERAN'S ADMINISTRATION

Veteran's Service Officer  
930 Ward  
Martinez

228-6800

Veteran's Administration Hospital  
150 Muir Road  
Martinez

228-6800

VOTING REGISTRATION

See Page 41

WALNUT CREEK CITY OFFICES

1445 Civic Drive

935-3300

WATER

See "Utilities"

WELFARE

See County Social Service Department

WEED ABATEMENT

See County Department of Agriculture

YOUTH PROGRAMS

See City Listings







